

COMMENT OF  
THE DAYFrozen Meat  
Prices

GOVERNMENT'S statement on rising meat prices smacks more of a warning of things to come than an explanation why, within 24 hours of officialdom moving out of the wholesale meat trade, retail prices advanced in an alarming manner.

The public are persuaded that private wholesale dealers have higher costs to meet than Government operating in the same field. Moreover, Government was never bothered with that vexing problem of making profit from capital outlay. It also enjoyed the advantage of slightly cheaper refrigeration storage charges (though why, is not explained).

It is these factors, together with that all-important one of variable demand for frozen stock meat, which the public must expect to influence retail prices. This, as we have already indicated is understandable (though not particularly agreeable) especially as it is appreciated that the cost of imported frozen meat to Hongkong is also governed by ruling world prices at the time of contract.

MUCH less clear is, if Government sold the balance of its frozen meat stocks to traders at the end of last month at a price which "involved substantial loss on certain items, principally beef crops," why the shop prices for those meats should have risen so sharply during the first week of March. The assumption is that the wholesalers made a satisfactory deal with Government (even if it were at Government's discretion) and that the meat could have been retained at a reasonable profit without any drastic increase in prices.

It is proper to remind ourselves that Government's anxiety to rid itself of the burdens of "keeping shop" for the Colony has been matched by the private traders' desire to take over that responsibility in all forms of trading. The transfer, however, should not be done in such a way as to make necessary an unsolicited sacrifice on the part of consumers.

THE Trade has remained silent about current complaints relating to higher prices for frozen meat, but it is hoped this will not become established policy. If there is substantial reason for a sudden raising of the price ceiling, surely it is a good idea to let the public know about it. Meat, to the vast majority of people, is a daily necessity, and is therefore a key item in every household budget. The goodwill and understanding of the public is surely as important to meat traders as it is to other merchants. Suspicion and doubts can best be set aside by ready and frank explanations about unexpected price increases.

Europeans Plan World's  
Biggest Atomic Plant

Oslo, Mar. 15. Western European nations, co-operating in atomic research work, plan to build the world's largest atomic power plant in Geneva, a leading Norwegian scientist said tonight.

Mr. Odd Dahl, an engineer engaged in the joint research work, made the announcement at the 25th annual meeting of the Christian Michelsen Institute of Sciences in Bergen. He said the gigantic research apparatus was being built to provide Europe with experimental facilities on a par with those in the United States and thus reduce the expense of scientific men to America. The research co-operative began as a joint Norwegian and Dutch enterprise, but other

## SURPRISE MOVE BY 'ARUBA' CREW

Refusal To Enter Area  
Of War Operations  
FINNISH TANKER MAY NOT  
SAIL FROM COLOMBO

Helsinki, Mar. 15.

The Finnish Seamen's Union, which has maintained contact with the Finnish tanker Aruba now on her way to China with a valuable cargo of 13,000 tons of fuel, today received a telegram from the crew saying they refused to enter an area of war operations.

The tanker is approaching Ceylon and it is thought she may remain there. This would be a solution of the Aruba crisis anticipated by many observers.—The Times News Service (Copyright).

## BONN CAUGHT OFF GUARD

'Faux Pas' Diplomat  
Returns To London

Bonn, Mar. 15.

The West German Foreign Office was caught off guard today by reports of the sudden departure for London of diplomat Oskar Schlitter and his wife Daisy—said to have remarked that Britain was "enemy territory" at a London Christmas party last year.

Frau Daisy Schlitter, whose husband was Counselor at the West German Embassy in London, sent a statement to British journalists here saying she and her husband "returned to London today."

The West German Foreign Office knew nothing about their return.

German Government officials and British Embassy personnel telephoned British correspondents to ask them for the text of the statement signed "Daisy Schlitter."

The Foreign Office later issued a curt statement that Dr. Konrad Adenauer, the Chancellor, had not yet decided whether to reinstate Herr Schlitter.

"PRIVATE BUSINESS"

The diplomat offered his resignation in January after he and his wife, a former beauty queen, were called home to answer questions about the "enemy territory" remarks in the British press.

Foreign Office sources said Dr. Adenauer's instructions were that Herr Schlitter should stay out of the public eye until the fuss had died down. Then the Chancellor would consider whether to give him another post—outside London.

Fellow diplomats were therefore amazed when they heard that the Schlitters had decided to go to London before the Chancellor had made a decision.

Frau Schlitter's letter said she was going back to her children who are still in Britain.

(In London, the German Embassy said that if Herr Schlitter were returning to London, it could only be for "private business.")—Reuter.

Sydney, Mar. 15. The Maitland City Council decided today to remove sections of the flood-devastated town to higher ground at an estimated cost of £15,000,000. The project is expected to take five years.—United Press.

## Call Girl Trial

STAR WITNESS  
REFUSED  
TO TESTIFY

Now York, Mar. 15.

The second trial on procuring charges of Minot (Mickey) Jelke, 25-year-old heir to a Margarine fortune, was suddenly adjourned today when the prosecution's star witness refused to answer any questions that "might tend to incriminate me."

Speculators had formed a long queue outside the courtroom before the start of the trial at which lurid testimony was expected.

The prosecution opened its case by saying that it would prove that Jelke had "made a good deal of money" through compulsory prostitution.

Miss Pat Ward, the prosecution's star witness then refused to answer when asked if she had borne a child out of wedlock.

THEN SHE ANSWERED

General Sessions Judge Francis Valentine immediately adjourned the trial.

When the session was resumed after a conference between Judge Valentine and the defense, Miss Ward resumed her testimony.

The Judge told her to answer all questions she answered at the first trial two years ago. But he told her she could refuse to reply to questions not answered before and he would decide whether she had to reply.

She said she had a child by a Lawrence Greenbaum, identified by the defense as a bookmaker.—Reuter.

Strict Security  
Measures For  
U.K. Embassy

Moscow, Mar. 15.

New security measures at the British Embassy here—scene of an attack by a Russian gunman on Sunday—were arranged today at a conference of senior officials called by the Ambassador, Sir William Hayter.

An alarm bell system will be installed connecting the front hall with the staff quarters at the rear where British security guards live.

The front door will in future always be locked when the Embassy is closed.

British officials, however, remain unphased and attach no importance to the shooting incident. They discounted any suggestion that the gunman who burst in had intended to attack the Ambassador.—Reuter.

Washington, Mar. 15. The US Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, today ruled out any immediate action by the Seventh Fleet to intercept a cargo of fuel on its way to Communist China in the Finnish tanker, Aruba.

The United States was not at present operating a military and naval blockade of the Chinese Communist coast and therefore, unless there was a change of policy, the use of the Seventh Fleet in these circumstances would not be consistent with present policy, he told his news conference.

Mr. Dulles had been asked to comment on a demand by Senator William Knowland, the Republican leader in the Senate, that the shipment of fuel should be stopped, if necessary by the US Navy.

## PRESIDENT'S AUTHORITY

He said that under the Congressional resolution permitting the President to use United States forces to protect Formosa, the Philippines and related areas, he believed President Eisenhower did have the authority to issue such an order to the fleet but he added it was not the policy of the United States to use the resolution to impose a naval blockade.

Asked if United States seizure of the cargo would constitute an act of war, Mr. Dulles replied he doubted that it would, although the situation would be in "the border line zone."

He pointed out that in the past there had been so-called "peaceful blockades" and he said that shipment of the fuel to Communist China was a violation of the United Nations embargo on strategic materials.

Though Finland was not a member of the United Nations, one could very well argue that action taken to enforce the United Nations resolution would not be an act of war.—Reuter.

Key Rumanian  
Woman Flees  
From Reds

Vienna, Mar. 15.

A woman associate of Rumania's top Communist leaders has escaped an iron curtain. Police dragged her in Vienna and fled to the West with her sick child, the Austrian Police said tonight.

The fleeing mother and child were identified as Mrs. Nora Greul, 34, said to have been associated with top Communist leaders in Rumania, and her 11-year-old daughter Miroslava.

Officials said they begged American officials here for asylum after narrowly escaping capture by Rumanian secret agents in the streets of Vienna. They were reported to have taken refuge in a church before reaching safety.

Austrian officials said Mrs. Greul, close to a nervous breakdown, reported that she had been followed through Vienna by Rumanian agents who took photographs of her and stole her handbag containing her personal documents.

Numerous attempts were made to lure her back to Communist captivity, they said, including a long-distance telephone call purported to have come from her husband in Rumania.—United Press.



Princess Margaret waves to the crowd as she stands on the Mansion House balcony with the Lord Mayor of London, Alderman Sir Seymour Howard, soon after her arrival for the welcome back luncheon given by the Lord Mayor and City Corporation.

BEVAN IN  
OR OUT?  
Latest Survey Of  
Labour Feeling

London, Mar. 15.

Left-wing Leader Mr. Aneurin Bevan appeared tonight to be headed for expulsion from the Labour Parliamentary Group when the Party's MPs meet tomorrow in a special session.

Party chiefs estimated that out of a total of 203 members in the Parliamentary Group, 140 would back the expulsion recommendation.

However, Parliamentary circles thought some of the anti-Bevanites might change their minds for these reasons:

(1) Leading Bevanites were understood to have advised the left-wing leader to emphasize at tomorrow's meeting that he was not challenging Mr. Clement Attlee's authority.

(2) The local constituency Labour parties most of which are pro-Bevan have kept up a continued pressure on the MPs against expulsion.

(3) The position of Mr. Attlee himself may conceivably work against the expulsion recommendation. It was learned over the week-end that Mr. Attlee had expressed the recommendation during the "shadow cabinet" meeting.

If the Parliamentary group does endorse the expulsion move the Party will suffer its worst crisis since 1931 when the then Labour Prime Minister, Ramsay MacDonald broke with his party to form a "National Government" in coalition with the Conservatives and Liberals.—France-Press.

Reds To Contest  
LCC Elections

London, Mar. 15.

Thirteen Communists will be among the 315 candidates for the 126 seats on the London County Council in the elections to be held on March 31. The Labour and Conservative Parties will put up candidates for seats in all the London boroughs. The Liberal Party will fight for 37 seats, and the extreme right "Union Movement" nine. Four Independent candidates will also stand for election.—France-Press.

## The Queen Mother

London, Mar. 15.

The attack of influenza which caused the Queen Mother to cancel her public engagements this week is "taking a normal course," it was announced today. The Queen Mother is at Royal Lodge, Windsor, where she spent the week-end with Princess Margaret.—Reuter.

More Businessmen Leaving For Peking  
NEW INTEREST IN  
SINO-BRITISH  
TRADE MISSIONS

Effect Of Hongkong Bank Statement

Our Own Correspondent

London, Mar. 15.

The second party of British businessmen to visit China under the sponsorship of the Sino-British Trade Committee leaves Britain for Hongkong at the end of this week. Fourteen British companies are represented.

Interest in this mission has been heightened by the optimistic remarks about prospects for Anglo-Chinese trade made by the Hon. Cedric Blaker, Chairman of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

Potentialities of trade with China, said Mr. Blaker, "are as great as they have been for over 100 years."

"As in the past century," he added, "so now they would in actuality be greater if political and ideological difficulties and suspicions could be swept out of the way."

So convinced is the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank that much profitable business can be done with the Chinese Communists that it is prepared to resume its business in China despite all the difficulties that have been put in its way over the past few years.

This is important news for British businessmen, since without the active co-operation of the big British banks operating in the area, Anglo-Chinese trade would be at best a slow and tortuous process.

## A CONDITION

But the Hongkong Bank makes its offer to start up business again conditional upon a satisfactory agreement about the closure of its Shanghai branch.

London sources say the Chinese Communists have been much more amenable in their relations with British business houses in China since the Geneva conference. It is easier now for companies to interchange members of their staff, but the Chinese still insist that at least one responsible official must be

left in China. The official concerned is thus virtually a hostage for the "good behaviour" of the company.

The Hongkong and Shanghai Bank have said in effect they are willing to reopen their business in China provided they can start again with a "clean sheet."

This could obviate the risk of the Chinese Communists imposing heavy fines on the bank at some future date for "offences" committed in the past. British businessmen, however, are not waiting for a satisfactory arrangement to be worked out between British banks and the Chinese government before laying their own plans for increasing trade with China.

## FOLLOW-UP

The businessmen who are leaving for China this week-end are following up the efforts of a previous party which visited China recently to investigate the possibility of expanding trade within the limits set by the United Nations embargo on strategic exports to China.

The importance of these missions, according to the Sino-British Trade Committee, is not in the amount of extra trade they gain in the first instance, but in the fact that the initiative for promoting this trade has been taken out of the hands of the Communist-front organizations, and therefore out of the field of politics.

The Committee has been encouraged by the fact that Chinese officials in Peking are now less inclined to use visits from British businessmen as an excuse for political propaganda against the United Nations embargo. Discussions are confined to purely commercial subjects.

The Chinese would like, of course, to buy capital equipment from Britain, but they realise there is no point in asking for these goods—much less in making all trade dependent on their supply—while the United Nations embargo is still in force.

TERRORISM FLARES  
UP IN CASABLANCA

## Five Killed And Eight Wounded

Casablanca, Mar. 15.

Army and Police patrols took positions guarding strategic points in Casablanca's turbulent native quarter tonight as a new wave of terrorism struck French Morocco, leaving five dead and eight wounded in its wake.

The Police set up road blocks all around Casablanca and Oujda to search in-coming and out-going vehicles and passengers. Radio vans patrolled the two towns' streets while in the barracks special anti-aircraft Police squads were kept ready to step in.

Two Frenchmen were killed and three wounded in Oujda last night, presumably by anti-French extremists. Two Moroccans were wounded by terrorists there, probably in retaliation for last night's bloodshed.

Two Moroccans were killed and three were wounded in Casablanca late last night. Observers believed that the raiders may have been French vigilantes.

One Moroccan died tonight at a hospital in Casablanca from bullet wounds sustained on Sunday.

## MURDERERS ESCAPE

Late on Monday night a group of masked attackers burst into the crowded Sun bar in Oujda firing at random at the panicked clients. Two Frenchmen were killed instantly and three were wounded by terrorists there, probably in retaliation for last night's bloodshed.

Several terrorists, riding in a fast car, fired at a crowd of Moroccans on the sidewalk of the Moulayoula Club cafe. One person was slightly wounded.

After a sweep through the town, the terrorists opened fire on Moroccans waiting for a bus outside the bus station, wounding an Algerian.—United Press.

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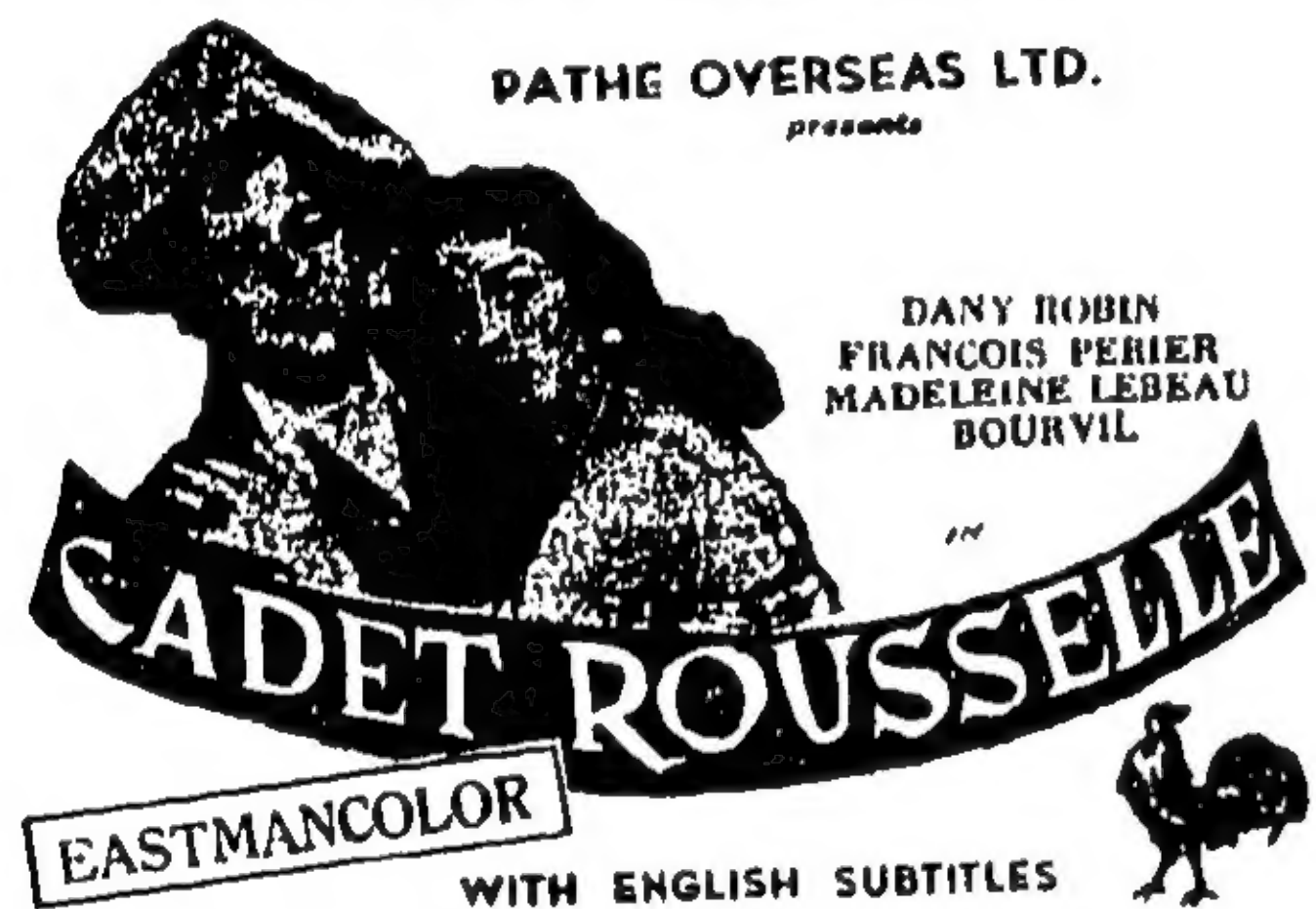
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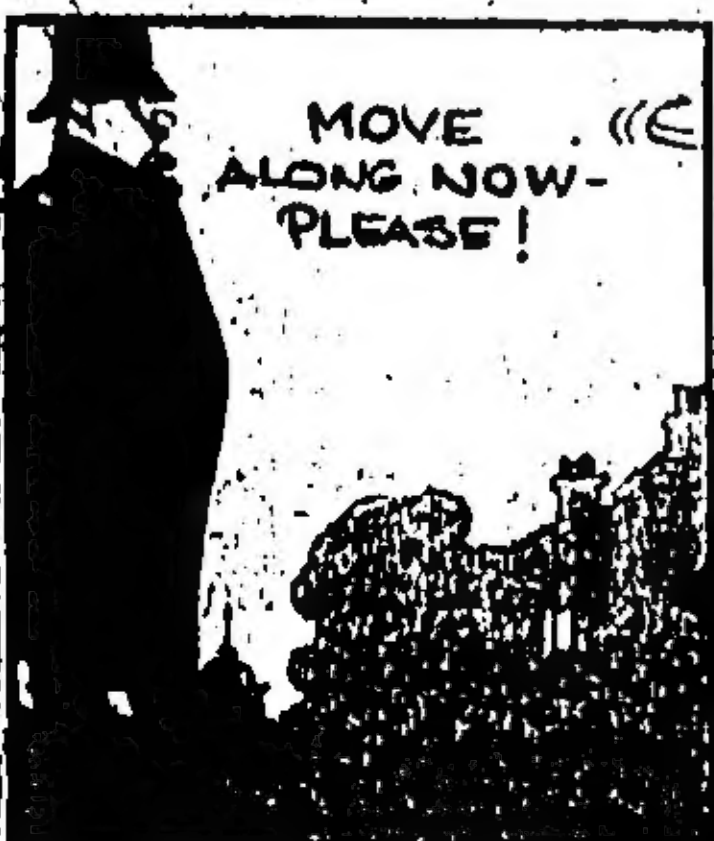
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STRUGGLE FOR POWER IN  
VIETNAMDiem Winning  
Against  
Religious Sects  
UNITED FRONT CRACKING

Saigon, Mar. 15.

The American-backed Prime Minister, Mr Ngo Dinh Diem, appeared today to have half-won his struggle against Vietnam's three powerful politico-religious sects struggling to unseat him and to have preserved once more his precarious power in South Vietnam.

Reliable sources said that the united front of the Cao Dai, the Hoa Hao and the Binh Xuyen, who together command private armies of almost 40,000 men, was cracking and that the biggest and strongest of the sects, the Cao Dai, may shortly join forces with the Government.

This news, together with the recent refusal to arbitrate in favour of the sects against the Premier, meant that Mr Diem's position was once again reinforced and that there was less likelihood than ever his Government would be brought down by the fierce factional struggles within the country.

## OPEN HOSTILITY

The sects declared open hostility to the Premier when he recently announced a programme of reforms which would strip these semi-feudal groups of much of their power and influence.

But today high Cao Dai sources declared that that sect's disagreement with Mr Diem was "only a question of detail," and that the sect leadership would agree, at least to a certain extent, to a plan drawn up by the special American envoy, General J. Lawton Collins, which calls for the integration of sectarian troops in the National Vietnamese Army.

The Collins plan foresees the incorporation of 6,000 Cao Dai, 5,000 Hoa Hao and 3,000 Binh Xuyen in the national command. The Cao Dai's moderate attitude would seriously weaken the position of the other two groups who are against any integration whatsoever.

Saigon was calm today after yesterday's unsuccessful assassination attempt against Tran Van Lam, Governor of South Vietnam.

The first South Vietnamese Provisional National Assembly will be elected early in May, officials announced today. The decree will be promulgated this week.

The Assembly will include elected and a few appointed delegates.

Among the appointed delegates will be some North Vietnamese now refugees in South Vietnam. Sixty seats will be given to the political, religious and professional groups and to the racial minorities.

The Assembly will prepare for the establishment of an elected Constituent Assembly, and will have certain financial powers.—United Press.

Where Was  
Malenkov?

Stockholm, Mar. 15.  
Mr. Georgi Malenkov, now Vice-Minister for Electric Power Stations, did not take part in talks with a Swedish delegation of electricity experts, who are now touring the Soviet Union.

The head of the delegation, Mr. Hake Rusek said on his return to Stockholm today that the discussions were provided over by the two Deputy Ministers, Mr. Khrushchev and Mr. Jafkja-Reuter.

44 SHIPS  
IDLE IN  
CALCUTTA

Calcutta, Mar. 15.  
Forty-four ships lay unattended and waterfront activities were suspended in the harbour here today after a strike by stevedores.

Hundreds of cranes stood idle after the walkout by strikers who alleged "widespread violence and mob rule around the dock area."

Dr B. C. Roy, Chief Minister of West Bengal, today urged shipowners' representatives to resume work on the stranded ships to avoid port congestion.

He said the Government were determined to maintain law and order.

Forty-three more ships are due in port next week.—Reuters.

## COMING! ANOTHER BIG PICTURE!



Students of the Chinese Nationalist Officer Candidate School, based on Formosa are put through their paces by members of the United States Assistance Advisory Group. It is part of the American plan to maintain close co-operation with the Nationalist Forces. The Department of Defence provides skilled military instructors for training the Chinese—as well as planes, weapons and other equipment.—Express Photo.

No Confiscation  
Of Foreign  
Capital In India

New Delhi, Mar. 15.

Mr Nehru, the Indian Prime Minister, said today his Government will not tolerate any plea for the confiscation of foreign capital in India.

He told the House of the People. "This kind of thing is just not done. It is a matter of common decency that when a state acquires foreign property it should pay compensation for it."

## RUSSIANS PAID

"Even the Soviet Government after the bloody revolution decided to pay compensation for all foreign property taken over by them."

The Prime Minister was replying to points raised in a two-day debate on his motion of confidence in the Government.

The BCI gives Parliament and State assemblies power to decide the amount and manner of compensation to be paid for property taken over by the State under land reform and other legislation.

Parliament agreed to the motion by 32 votes to nine.—Reuters.

He added that this increase did not constitute any hazard to human, animal or plant life in Canada.

A Socialist Member, Mr Colin Cameron, asked whether Canada was prepared to propose in the United Nations a study of the effect of radiation from nuclear weapon tests.

The External Affairs Minister, Mr Lester Pearson, said he could add nothing to his statement on March 7 to the Commons on this point. He said then he believed the United Nations would give sympathetic consideration to such a proposal but he indicated Canada would not initiate it.—Reuters.

But the weather-beaten Thames waterman, Jimmy Taylor, who has used the stairs for years, and whose grandfather and great-grandfather before him used them, appeared in court against the council's plan. And won.—London Express Service.

London, Mar. 15.  
The old foot-hollowed timber and stone stairs on the Thames bank, down which the Pilgrim Fathers are believed to have stepped to their ship, Mayflower, are to stay.

A special London jury decided that the stairs, lapped by the muddy Thames current, were still useful.

A local borough council had wanted the stairs closed under a development plan for riverside wharves.

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## QUEEN'S &amp; ALHAMBRA

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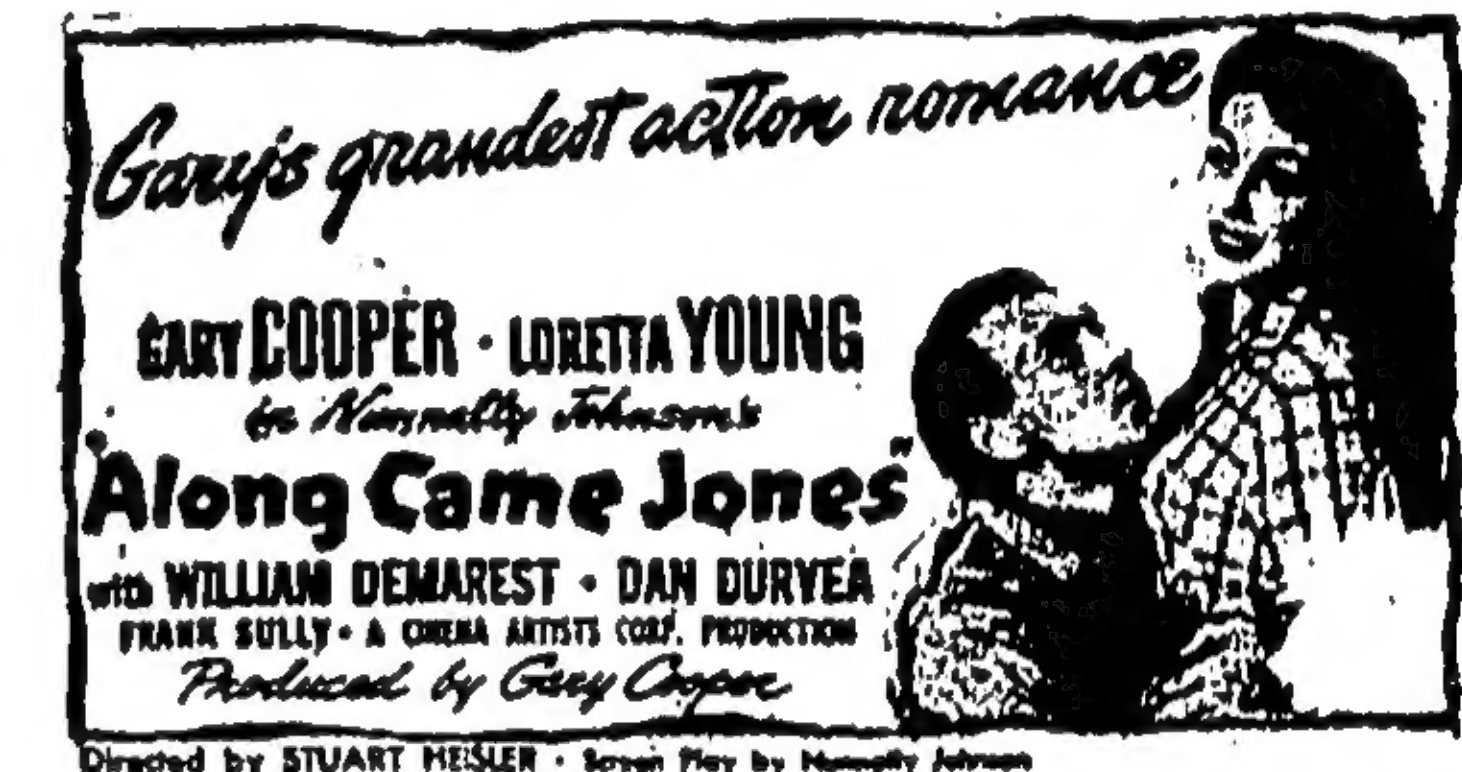
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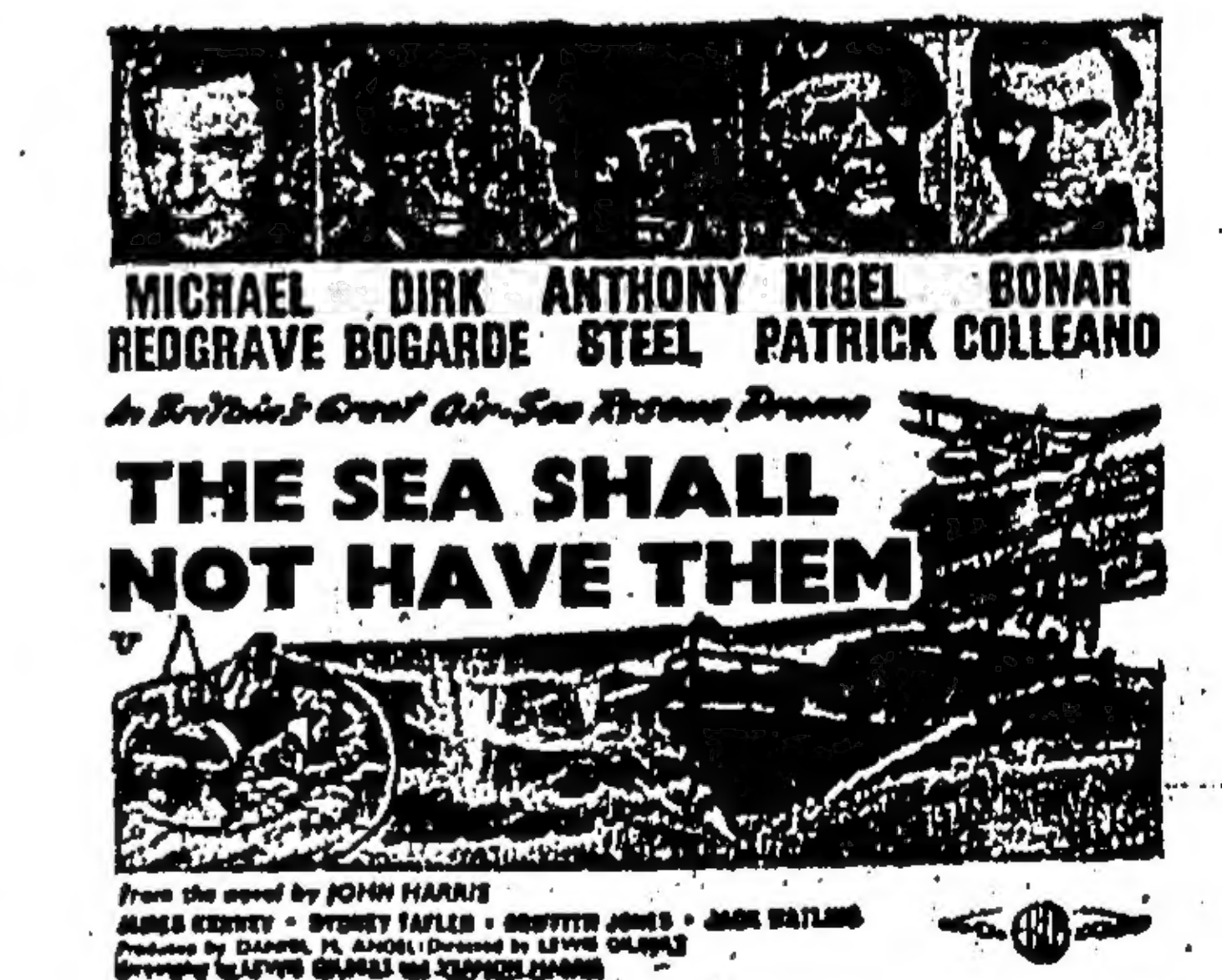
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# GERMAN COALITION SPLIT

And Now Meet  
Miss 'Fakir'

## Vishinsky Law Institute

Moscow, Mar. 15.  
The Law Institute of the Soviet Academy of Sciences has been renamed in memory of Andrei Vishinsky, Russia's former chief delegate to the United Nations.  
The Institute will now be known as the A. Y. Vishinsky Law Institute.  
First task assigned to the renamed Institute is the publication of a two-volume collection of speeches made by Mr. Vishinsky at the United Nations. The former chief delegate, who was also a Deputy Foreign Minister, died in New York in November. His ashes were buried in the Kremlin wall.—China Mail Special.

## NAPOLÉON AS AN AUTHOR

### Unfinished Love Story Sold

London, Mar. 16.  
The manuscript of an unfinished love story, written by Napoleon at the age of 16 and offered for sale from a New York collection was auctioned in London today for £2,300.

The story, about 1,500 words long, the only surviving relic of the future Emperor's youthful ambition to be a writer of fiction, contains a forecast of his own career, entitled "Clisson et Eugénie." It is a tale of jealousy and intrigue—and the hero is a young military officer.

It was written in 1785.

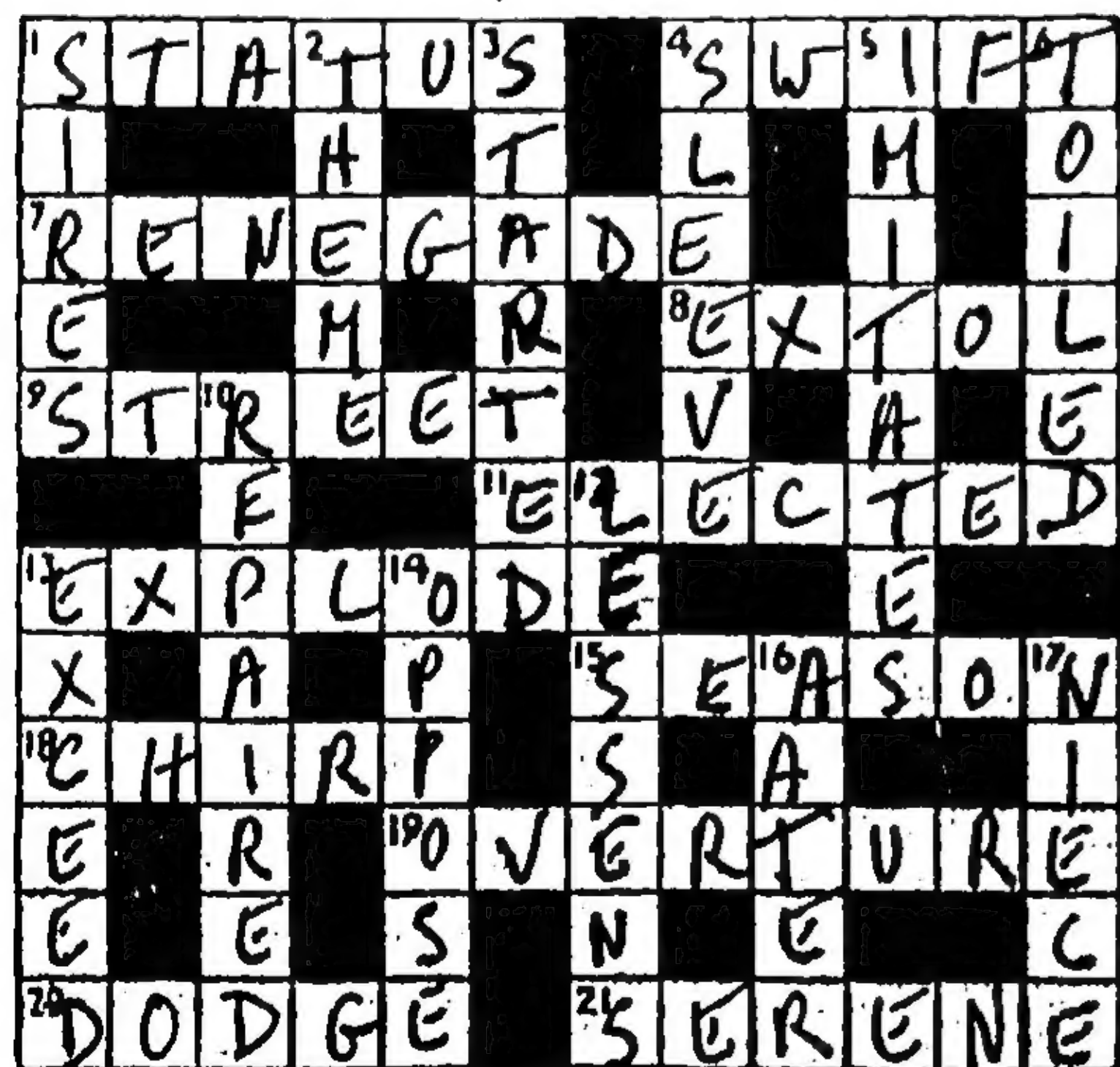
The manuscript was bought by Mr. H. Samuel, a private collector from an important group of French documents and writings belong to the late Mr. Andre de Coppet of New York.

### SAME YEAR

A letter written by Napoleon in the same year, soon after he had received his commission as a lieutenant of artillery, was also bought by Mr. Samuel for £500. In it, Napoleon denounces himself against a charge of not keeping up correspondence with his parents in Corsica.

A third letter by Napoleon, dated the following year, was sold for £180. An unsigned letter to his mother, written in 1789, giving news about himself, discussing the financial state of France and commenting on European affairs, went to a French buyer, M. Churavay, for £400.—China Mail Special.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
- 1 Standing (6).
  - 4 Rapid (5).
  - 7 Decorator (8).
  - 8 Praline (5).
  - 9 Thoroughfare (6).
  - 11 Chose by vote (7).
  - 12 Go off with a bang (7).
  - 13 Division of the year (6).
  - 14 Cheap (5).
  - 15 Prelude (5).
  - 20 Trick (5).
  - 21 Calm (5).
- DOWN
- 1 Ancestors (5).
  - 2 Subject (5).
  - 3 Began (7).
  - 4 Part of a garment (6).
  - 5 Apes (5).
  - 6 Labourer (6).
  - 10 Mended (8).
  - 12 Drinkwater (7).
  - 13 Surplus (6).
  - 14 Resist (5).
  - 16 Change (5).
  - 17 Relative (5).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Spur, 4 Attests, 9 Idle, 10 Dais, 11 Insure, 12 Keros, 13 Nigard, 17 Adieu, 19 Spoke, 22 Emerged, 24 Aged, 27 Turn, 28 Knotted, 29 Tint, 30 Rear, 31 Express, 32 Yolk, Down: 1 Places, 2 Risked, 4 Allen, 5 Tanna, 6 Eking, 7 Tutor, 13 Sage, 15 Rife, 16 Agony, 18 Dead, 19 Detour, 20 Pantry, 21 Kernel, 23 Minus, 24 Rotors, 25 Dudes.

## Party Elects Saar Opponents To Executive

Bonn, Mar. 15.

A revolt against the French-German Saar agreement which has caused a rift between Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and the Government coalition Free Democratic Party split another coalition party tonight.

The Refugee Party's Parliamentary Group elected opponents of the Saar agreement to the Presidency and three Vice-Presidencies of its executive committee.

The election took place after a stormy session in which nearly half the members of the Parliamentary Group walked out in protest against the rejection of a motion to postpone the election.

### 14 REMAINED

Only 14 of the 27 members of the group remained to participate in the voting.

The group's new President, Herr Moehner, who voted against the Saar accord in the Bundestag (lower house) last month, replaced Herr Ernst Haeder who supported ratification of the accord.

Meanwhile, in Adenauer's coalition rebels were leaning up with Opposition Social Democrats in the various State governments to form a strong bloc against the Saar Agreement in the Federal Bundestag (upper house) in which the States are represented.

The Saar accord, and the other Paris Agreements, must be ratified by the Bundestag before German endorsement of the pact is final.

In Frankfurt today, the Coalition Government of the State of Hesse composed of the Refugee Party and the Social Democrats unanimously decided to instruct its Bundestag representatives to vote against the Saar accord.

The Lower Saxony Government, composed of a coalition of the same two parties was expected to follow suit. The attitude expected to be taken by other State governments results in a close anticipated majority of four votes in favour of the Saar accord in the Bundestag—21 to 17.—France-Press.

### DUTCH PLAN

The Hague, Mar. 15.  
The Dutch author of the plan for the "Europeanisation" of the Saar said today he expected a very large majority of Saarlanders to vote in favour of the scheme.

A referendum is to follow the coming into force of the Franco-German agreement on the Saar, placing the territory under a European Commissioner, appointed by international agreement.

Mr. Marthus Van Der Goes Van Naters, the author, told the Dutch International Association today that geologically the Saar tended towards France and there was a certain community of language, but ethnologically the Saar is "a German land."

The opposites could not be reconciled, and the problem would have to be solved by an international approach.  
"Economically, the Saar will have to be directed towards a common market," he said. "It already has one with France, but it should also include Germany."

Mr. Van Der Goes said he would visit Paris on Thursday for talks on the Saar with French Ministers.—China Mail Special.

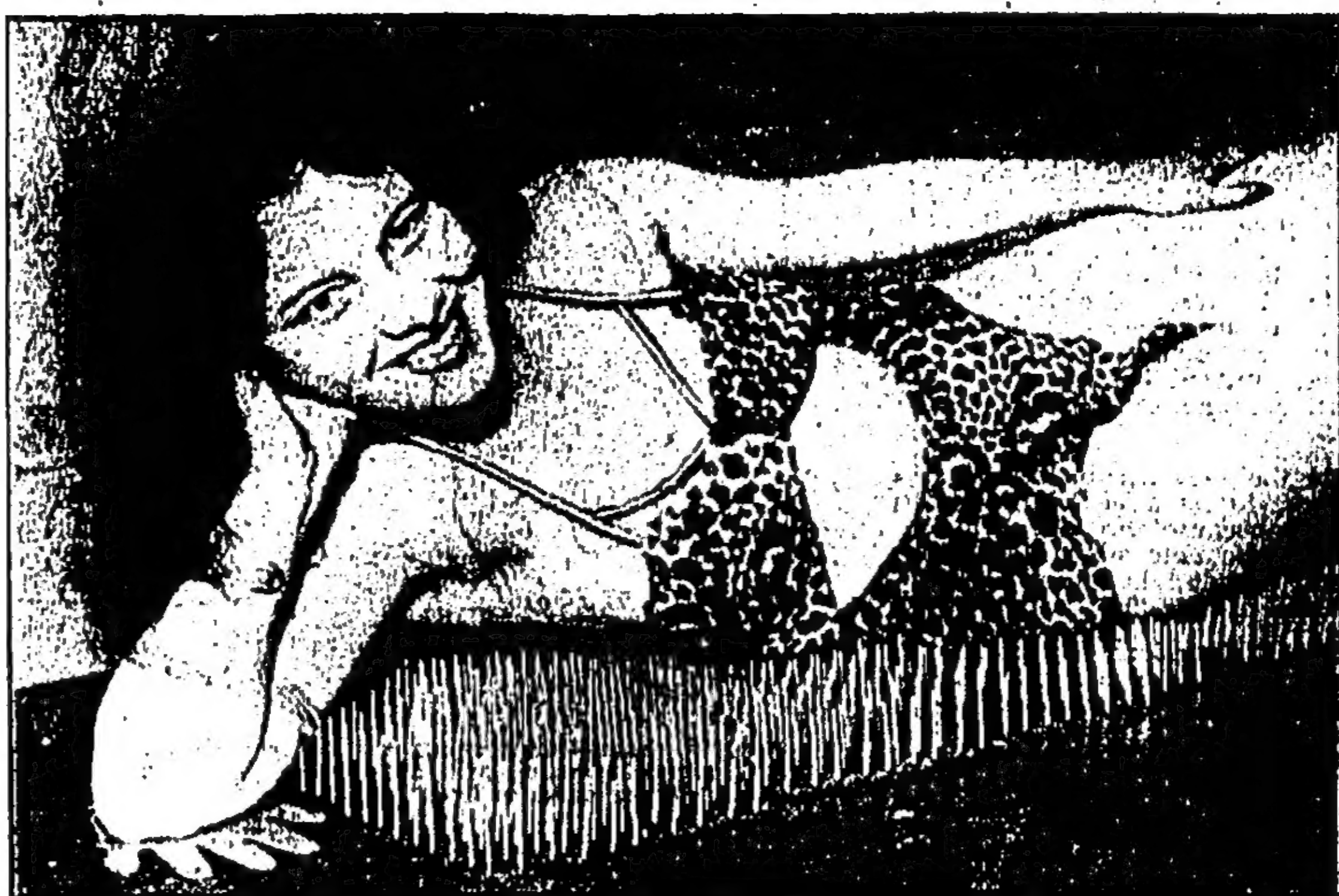
## Frenchman Loses Civil Rights

Paris, Mar. 15.

THE former Secretary-General for Information in Pierre Laval's World War II Vichy Government, was sentenced here today to the loss of all his civil rights and privileges for a period of five years.

The convicted former official, 59-year-old René Bonnefoy, disappeared when France was liberated by the allies in 1944 and was convicted in absentia in July, 1946 for having belonged to the wartime Vichy government which was regarded as collaborationist.  
Bonnefoy who finally gave himself up to the authorities last January 23 after more than 10 years spent in hiding, pleaded he was only a small cog in the governmental machine run by Laval and wartime chief of state Marshal Henri Philippe Pétain.

He said that he was only a go-between who funnelled down to the wartime newspapers the mass of information which was given him by his superiors in the Vichy government.  
Two witnesses testified Bonnefoy helped to save newsmen from the German occupation forces on several occasions.—France Press.



Nineteen-year-old Parisienne, Miss Yvette Bougard, poses elegantly on a bed of 6-inch nails after she had been elected "Miss Fakir 1955" during a different kind of beauty contest in Paris. Like the Indian fakirs she feels no pain as she lays on the nails.—Central Press Photo.

## Japs Considering Long-Range Defence Plans

Tokyo, Mar. 15.

The Japanese Government for the first time since World War II began serious consideration of a long-range defence programme this week.

Prime Minister, Mr. Ichiro Hatoyama's Democratic Party and economy-minded Government officials took under intent study a six-year military programme drafted by the national defence agency.

The programme called for creation of a 180,000-man ground force, 120,000-ton navy and 1,200-plane air force by March, 1961.

Defence leaders have drafted a number of long-range military plans in the past, including a five-year programme last year which would have attained by 1959 approximately the same military goals as the six-year plan.

### NOT OFFICIAL

But not one Japanese government has ever officially adopted a long-range defence programme.  
Officials of the Finance Ministry and the Economic Deliberation Board, National Economic Planning Agency, are sure to pore down the defence agency's programme.

The Defence Agency's programme calls for channeling three per cent of estimated national income into military expenditures. The six-year economic programme, already adopted by the Government this year, would cut this down by approximately one-fourth.

Details of the Defence Agency scheme, revealed by authoritative sources, showed the goals were:  
1. Ground force—180,000 men by 1958, divided into six divisions and four combat teams of unspecified strength, plus a reserve of 30,000 men.  
2. Sea force—Warships totaling 110,000 tons by March, 1961, consisting chiefly of made-in-Japan destroyers and escort ships. Personnel would total around 30,000 men.

## TURKISH PROTEST TO SYRIA

Ankara, Mar. 15.

Turkey has protested against "aggressive declarations" by Syrian statesmen who have criticised her pact with Iraq, according to reports here.

A note was said to have been handed over in Damascus, the Syrian capital, on March 13.  
Mr. Kazim el Cezairi, Syrian Ambassador to Turkey, who arrived here today from Damascus, confirmed that Turkey had sent a note to his country. But he did not disclose the contents.  
Mr. Cezairi told reporters that the projected pact between Syria, Egypt and Saudi Arabia was not directed against the Turkish-Iraqi pact but was designed to afford protection against danger from Israel.

He added that the Turkish-Iraqi pact and the Syrian-Egyptian project would possibly be reconciled in the future.—Reuter.

## OFFICER BLACKED SOLDIERS' FACES

London, Mar. 15.

The British military authorities today confirmed the findings and sentence of a recent court martial on Captain Edward McAllister Sexton, who was alleged to have blacked the faces of privates with boot polish.

Captain Sexton of the Royal Artillery was found guilty on three charges of scandalous behaviour and one charge of conduct prejudicial to good order and military discipline and sentenced to be cashiered.

It was alleged that he invited young soldiers serving in a camp in West Wales to his personal quarters and there tied them up, blindfolded and gagged two of them and in two instances blacked their faces with the polish.  
A recommendation on mercy on medical grounds was made at the court martial.—China Mail Special.

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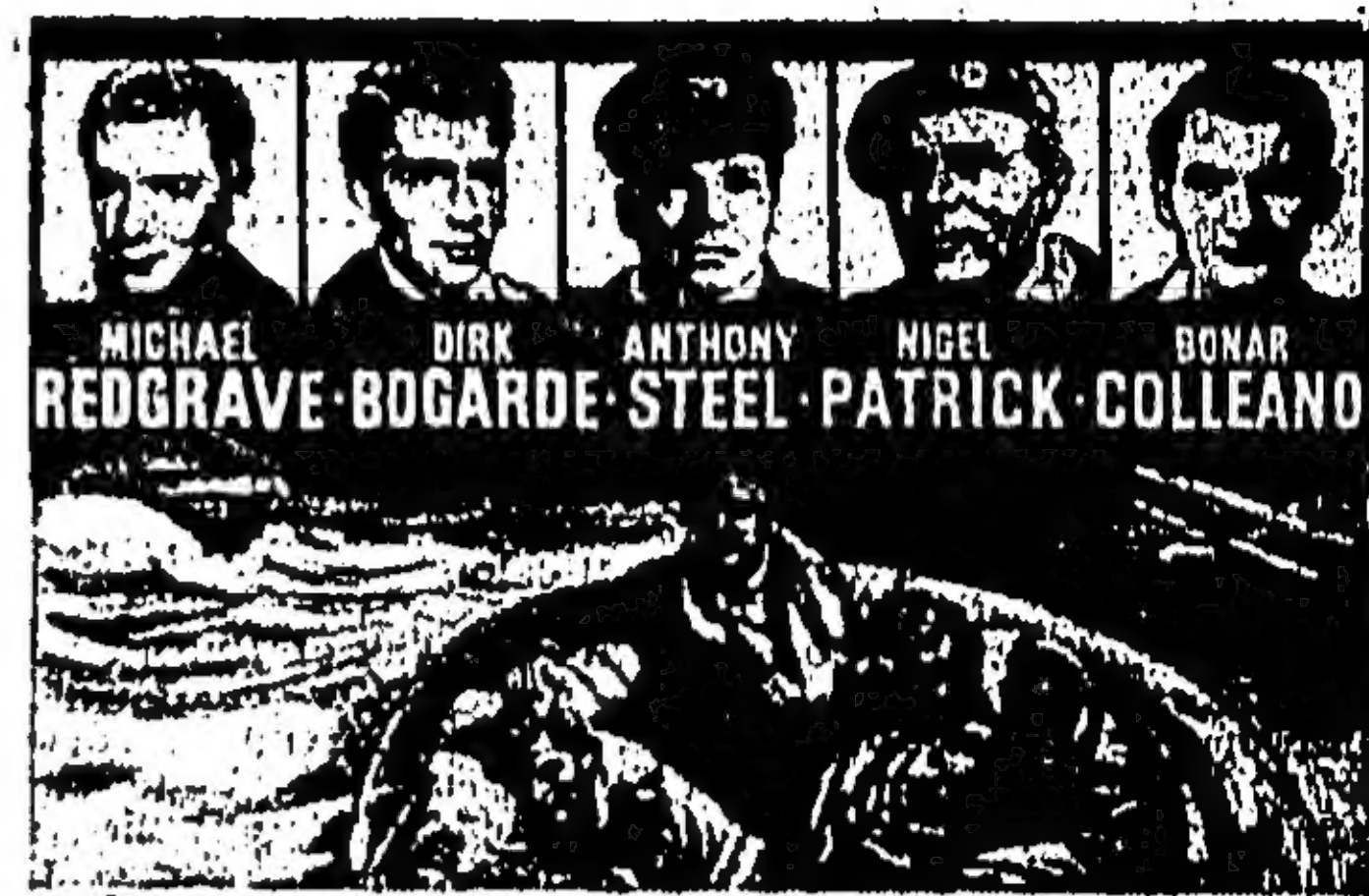
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# Nathaniel Gubbins

**Q**UOTING unnamed scientists, Nye Bevan has said that if war broke out "England would last just 32 hours."

If you ask why 32 and not 31 or 33 hours I can't tell you, but by observing what's going on I can point out that the statement has not put the breeze up anybody even though it has also been said that another war would be undeclared. Put another way, it might happen before you have finished that cup of coffee.

On the brink of Nye's eternity Christian Dior is not worried about the fate of England but by the sight of Englishwomen's knees. He is also worried about the sight of foreign women's knees. He "suffers terribly" about these things, though you might have thought he would suffer more if there were no Englishwomen, knees or no knees, 32 hours from now, and therefore fewer customers to wear his clothes.

You would never believe, unless you read about it, that on the brink of Nye's eternity the Khan, aged 77, and not 100 years from the Golden Gates himself, would be worrying about who is to succeed him as leader of 20,000,000 Moslems.

But there he is, having angry conversations with reporters on the telephone, doing his health no good and not caring how much what happens to us and the world. If he thinks he's safe in Egypt he had better think again.

On the brink of Nye's eternity, which will include America, Marilyn Monroe is having an up-and-a-downer with 20th Century-Fox because she wants to break her contract and make films based on "great literature."

The women of Texas are in a black rage because local weather experts named local hurricanes after women.

In New York Medical College doctors are worrying themselves about the question "How old is old?" After interviewing 1,000 ancient men and women they discovered if you can pass 75 you can live to be 100. They don't seem to worry that England might disappear by tea-time tomorrow. And America, with all its old folk, a little later.

At home, where you might expect people to be a bit windy, the English are displaying their usual calm.

On the brink of Nye's eternity the fishermen of Middlesbrough are still selling cod as haddock and passing off haddock as hake, not caring that their sins may find them out sooner than they expected.

A Mrs. K. Charles, of Gillingham, Surrey, writing to the papers, is not worrying about Kingdom Come, but whether a hippopotamus likes the look of her. "We think the hippopotamus is an ugly animal," she says, "but looking at myself through the eyes of a hippopotamus I must look a ghastly sort of creature." Well, you said it, lady.

And of all things, and on the brink of Nye's eternity, there are brave English people looking forward to an English summer. One, writing to a columnist, asks pathetically for "just one fine day." So if he is lucky if she gets any days, fine or wet. Another is looking forward to an outing with 38 relatives.

For me, I would rather have Nye's eternity tomorrow.

## Wife, Roast or Boiled?

**I** THOUGHT that when my life partner, the Plucky Little Woman, bought herself an electric blanket all difficulties about warming her bed during the winter would be over.

Before the purchase the P.L.W., who feels the cold acutely, usually spent at least an hour boiling kettles, filling hot-water bottles, carrying them upstairs and placing them at

strategic points where her feet, back, and shoulders would lie. There would be rubber bottles for her back and shoulders and a stone bottle for her feet.

As I never need hot bottles unless ill, these preparations not only astonished me but sometimes caused anxiety. I always feared that the P.L.W., who fills bottles to the brim with boiling water, would one night be scalded by a burst bottle. I also dreaded the moment when the stone bottle was kicked out of bed during a nightmare and crashed to the floor.

But the electric blanket has proved to be an even greater anxiety because the P.L.W. appears to be determined to give herself what is known in America as the "hot seat."

The instructions say clearly enough that the blanket, intended as a warmer-upper before retirement, must always be switched off when the bed is occupied. A little warning light is provided to prevent accidents. So her warnings, however, like the warnings about over-filled rubber bottles, mean little to the P.L.W., who won't call plucky for nothing. The temptation to put out a hand and switch on comforting warmth is sometimes too much for her.

Therefore, I now wake at all hours looking for the little light. Most times it is not glowing, but when it is I jump out of my bed, switch it off, and settle to sleep again.

When I rise to make the morning tea the light is on again. I switch it off. When I bring the tea it is on. I switch it off. I bring the papers and see the light glowing. Once more I switch it off, but when I go to turn up the letters the P.L.W. is fast asleep surrounded by 240 volts of electricity.

One morning when I lit the gas stove to make toast there was a smell of burning bacon. I had always heard that cannibals say cooked people smell like pig.

So it had happened at last. The poor P.L.W. was roasting alive. I rushed upstairs expecting to see her sizzling and done to a turn. But she was unconscious and fast asleep again. When I went downstairs I found a bit of bacon had been left under the grill.

The problem remaining is: Shall I throw away the electric blanket, and let her scold herself with burst hot-water bottles or shall I let her cook herself by electricity?

In other words, which is preferable, boiled or roast wife? Perhaps, with Nye Bevan's eternity just round the corner, it doesn't matter much either way.

## AFTER MALENKOV—if this confession-of-failure idea spreads....



## WHAT HAPPENS WHEN BOY REDS SEIZE SCHOOLS

SEFTON DELMER'S NEWSMAP

**I** SPENT 40 minutes talking to police chiefs at their Singapore headquarters. Twice in that time the Governor's secretariat was on the line wanting to make sure all was under control.

The second time it was Singapore's Colonial Secretary himself telephoning the Commissioner of Police. From what I heard the Commissioner saying at his end, it was clear that he was not taking whatever it was too lightly either. "I've sent an inspector down there with some men," he said. "They're outside the gates now. The principal has promised that if there's trouble he'll call them inside." Yes, indeed. He's fully co-operative. No, I don't think there's any trouble. Certainly. Let you know at once.

### THE 2,000

You may be sure I was intrigued. And who do you imagine I discovered to be the potential trouble-makers causing all this stir among Singapore high-ups? Two thousand teenage schoolboys from Chung Chen Secondary School.

More astonishing still: after looking into the situation I am not only convinced that the Singapore authorities are justified but that the firmness with which both the Governor and police are handling this schoolboy menace is the most encouraging thing I have found since landing here in the wake of Sir Anthony Eden a week ago.

### THE TERROR

Yes, schoolboy menace. It may seem unbelievable to you as you study for the third time Jones Minor's week-end misadventure to "Dear Mum and Dad." Or watch Brenda cycling off to school, her new hockey-stick proudly balanced across the handlebars.

By a brilliantly skilful combination of propaganda and intimidation the Communists have succeeded in gaining con-

trol of seven out of Singapore's 11 Chinese secondary schools. Authority in these schools has passed out of the hands of terrified masters and mistresses into that of teenage commissars who rule the school and classes with the autocracy of New York dockyard gangsters. They call political meetings and proclaim a holiday when it suits them.

They take up "voluntary" collections of money. Much of it is sent to support jungle terrorists. The commissars send out schoolboys and schoolgirls to act as strike pickets and agitators in Communist-organised labour disputes.

They have even used schoolboy and schoolgirl "cells" to build up secret arms arsenals with hand grenades stolen from forgotten wartime dumps and carefully "reconditioned."

Their teachers are helpless. A few resisted and refused to collaborate. Two were killed. Five had acid thrown in their faces. But not only that. The courageous little Chinese principal of Chung Chen school said that if his commissars made any trouble in school he would invite the police in to restore order—another black mark against him with the Reds.

For the police have no right to enter a Chinese school unless they are invited.

So, you see, the Singapore authorities had every reason to be worried how things would go in this first test.

To this they proposed to invite "students" from the other (Communist-run) schools.

At first the principal meekly agreed. But then he decided he would consult the Singapore authorities.

### THE HOLIDAY

As a consequence of their urgent advice, he told his pupils that there would be no jumble sale, no concert and no holiday. Which, I should like to point out to the principal, is quite a gesture for a man to make who has been frequently threatened with a dose of acid in his face.

And, make no mistake, he was defying the commissars. For they know, as he knows, that all he had to do was to inform the authorities that the concert and jumble sale had been laid on by him as part of the school curriculum. Then the authorities, as things stand, could have done little or nothing.

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### THE RETURN

When I arrived down at the school I found the Reds had yielded. Policemen strolled rather inconspicuously among children's swings in the playground opposite the school.

Inside, the principal, teachers, and commissars were hard at work on their lessons without apparent thought for the banned jumble sale or concert.

But look out for the future. If I know anything about it, those Communist acid-throwers have not thrown their last phial yet.

## ROME ROW OVER A SIGN

By CONRAD ALLEN

**A** SIGN, with the words "Church of Christ", dangling on a string from a fourth floor window is threatening to upset excellent Italo-American relations.

A battle has been going on over this sign for at least five years between the Rome police and the 40-odd members of the Protestant sect "Church of Christ," which, flourishing in Texas, has sent two missionaries to Rome.

The police kept pulling the sign down, saying that the sect was not duly authorized. The two missionaries kept putting it up. Finally, the missionaries went to court and the Roman Tribunal ruled that the sign could stay up. But the police were not convinced.

They appealed against the ruling and claimed that, until a higher court has considered the case, the sign must remain down.

And last week a squad of policemen went to take it down for the umpteenth time. They reached for it, but one of the members of the sect, posted at the fourth floor window, pulled it out of hands' reach.

The police got a ladder, but the sign went further up. They tried to grab it with a hook attached to a long bamboo pole, but failed.

Finally, they called in the fire brigade. A policeman on an extending ladder chased the sign up to the fire, the second, the third, and the fourth floor. He had nearly grabbed it when the member of the "Church of Christ" pulled it in and closed comparison.

the window in the policeman's face.

A huge crowd assembled in the streets roared with laughter. This week one of the missionaries, Gerald Padden, a young, earnest Texan, was summoned by the Deputy Police Chief.

He was told that his sect had covered the Rome police with ridicule and that the sign must not appear again. Otherwise, the Deputy Police Chief added, the missionaries' residence permit would be revoked and he would be expelled from the country.

To this the missionary answered: "If you do so you would behave like the Soviets, who have just expelled Father Georges Blannette from Moscow."

Now the Deputy Police Chief is thinking hard about this comparison.



## Money For Men In Modelling

**M**ODELLING two or three shows a day of the latest in MEN'S fashions are the group of elegant gentlemen taking part in the Men's Trade Fair at the Festival Hall.

Of course, the male model has been gradually looming up on us for sometime. For their business has been growing steadily for the past 10 years.

It now provides lucrative full-time work for some, and a steady part-time income supplement for a good many actors and students.

Who are the men whose faces radiate the good life and sound budget? And what are the requirements?

One of the best-known models is Nigel Howland. Now, only 23, married to model Jennifer Hocking, he is a very sensible, even though extraordinarily good-looking young man who does some acting, some modelling, and has just his own dress-designing business. A character of determination and foresight, he decided at the age of three to become a designer.

Three years ago he enrolled as a student of cutting, design and costume at the St Martin's School of Art, needed extra money, and accepted his firm agent's suggestions of doing some part-time modelling. One of his first jobs was with Barbara Goalen—an experience which "hooked him."

In spite of great success as a model, he has wisely chosen to limit it to part-work, advising all models to see ahead and not overstep their popularity. He enjoys the location work—"three days in the Isle of Wight in the sun is always nice"—but is not over-interested in the steady routine.

Other male models are John Challenge, a highly successful example of the middle-aged "men of distinction" bracket, Guy de Rochere, a lively-faced French-Canadian actor, one of last year's most popular models, who recently left for Hollywood; John Forbes-Robertson, a dark young man whose popularity shows no sign of waning after two years, and who manages to make even a cardigan look moody; and Brendan Toomey, once Alan Ladd's double.

Then there are Robin Tatter, a medical student now managing to crowd in some five modelling jobs a week; Richard de Morya, a young classical pianist from Australia; and Ernest Blythe, retired officer, a well-dressed gentleman of fifty-

odd, described by his agent as "excellent for dignified, executive and Colonial types." Requirements include a fine tall frame—most of the male models stand around six feet; a relaxed attitude towards a camera; a good wardrobe—the models provide a good many of their own clothes, but a wardrobe can be built up gradually at wholesale prices from the firms whose clothes are being modelled; a pleasant, easy disposition.

And an ability to overcome the natural masculine reluctance to standing about being photographed in public.

HE may be young and incredibly handsome; HE may be good for "character" roles; HE may have a gift for acting out scenes for "artist's reference"—when a climactic scene from a magazine story is performed by a cast of models and a photographed for the illustrating artist to work from; HE may be silver-haired and 6ft. 2in., and look like "an ambassador type" in evening dress, white tie and carnation.

His agent was a Queen's Counsel on one job... said an agent of her distinguished model protégé, as a doting mother might say "Geoffrey's doing frightfully well in the Diplomatic."

Who are these elegant young men who model male fashions? What are they like? What do they earn? The questions are answered by

Amanda Marshall

At full time—that may be five or six jobs a day—modelling can bring in a tidy little income of some £2,000 a year.

Rates are £22 for the first hour, £21 for an hour after that; £28 for a full day; and £10 for a full day on location.

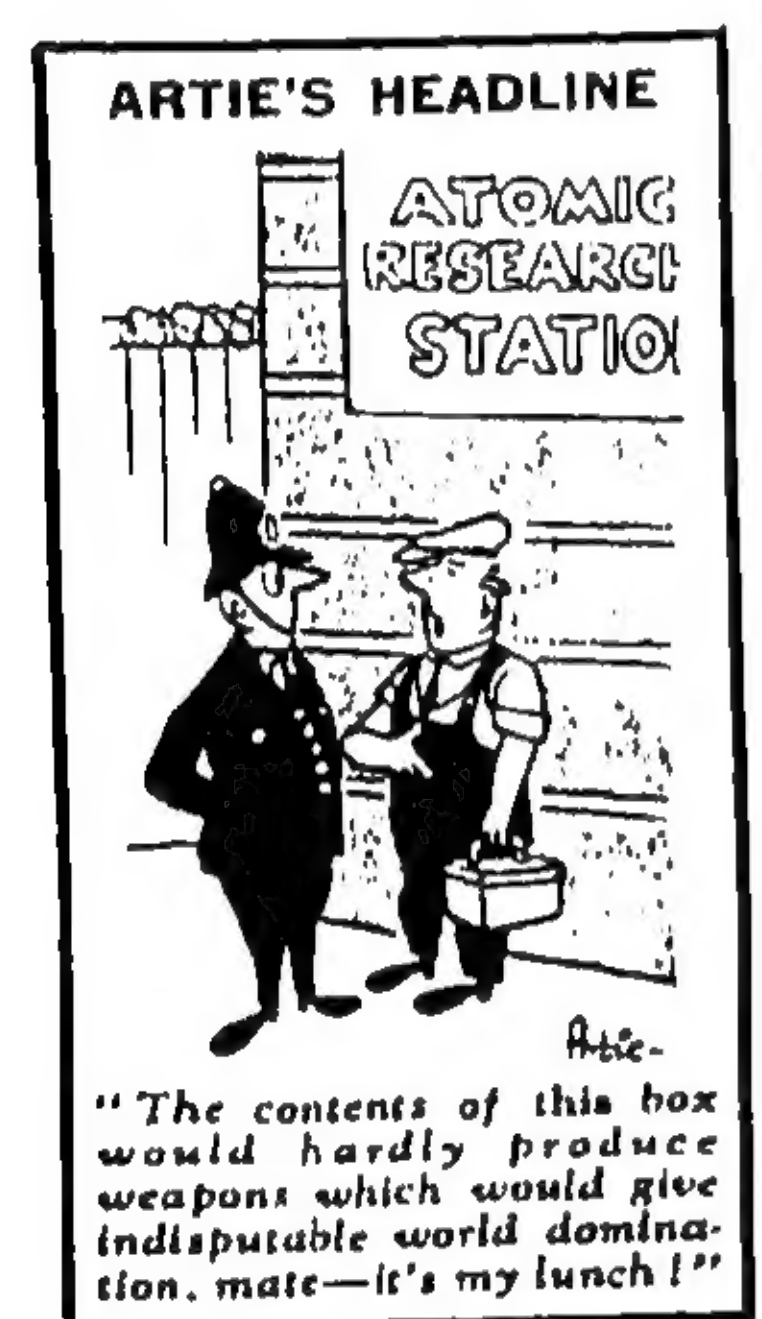
So the top-line, much-in-demand man can at best collect some £45-£50 a week working full time and often averaging some three jobs a day.

But three years is a good average life—before the public and the advertiser tire of a face. Male modelling still carries a slight social slur—and probably always will.

"I'm in advertising," is a frequent party conversation euphemism. And indeed, the work often leads to promising jobs in the advertising field.

So far I have not heard of any male models marrying and then impulsive peccators, or being sent diamond cufflinks, nestling in a carnation buttonhole. So far we haven't any cover-boys (except, as usual, looking worshipping in the background), and no nation-wide gimmicks like "the man in the Hathaway shirt" that made a distinguished military-looking gentleman with a black eye-patch famous all over America.

But the day may yet come. The male model is moving closer to the lens.



## Presenting the Tudor Oyster Prince

For the man whose purse is modest, yet whose aspirations are high, Rolex of Geneva have specially commissioned the Tudor Oyster Prince.

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Thus we have a magnificent watch, thoroughly waterproof, automatically wound, yet priced at a moderate level.

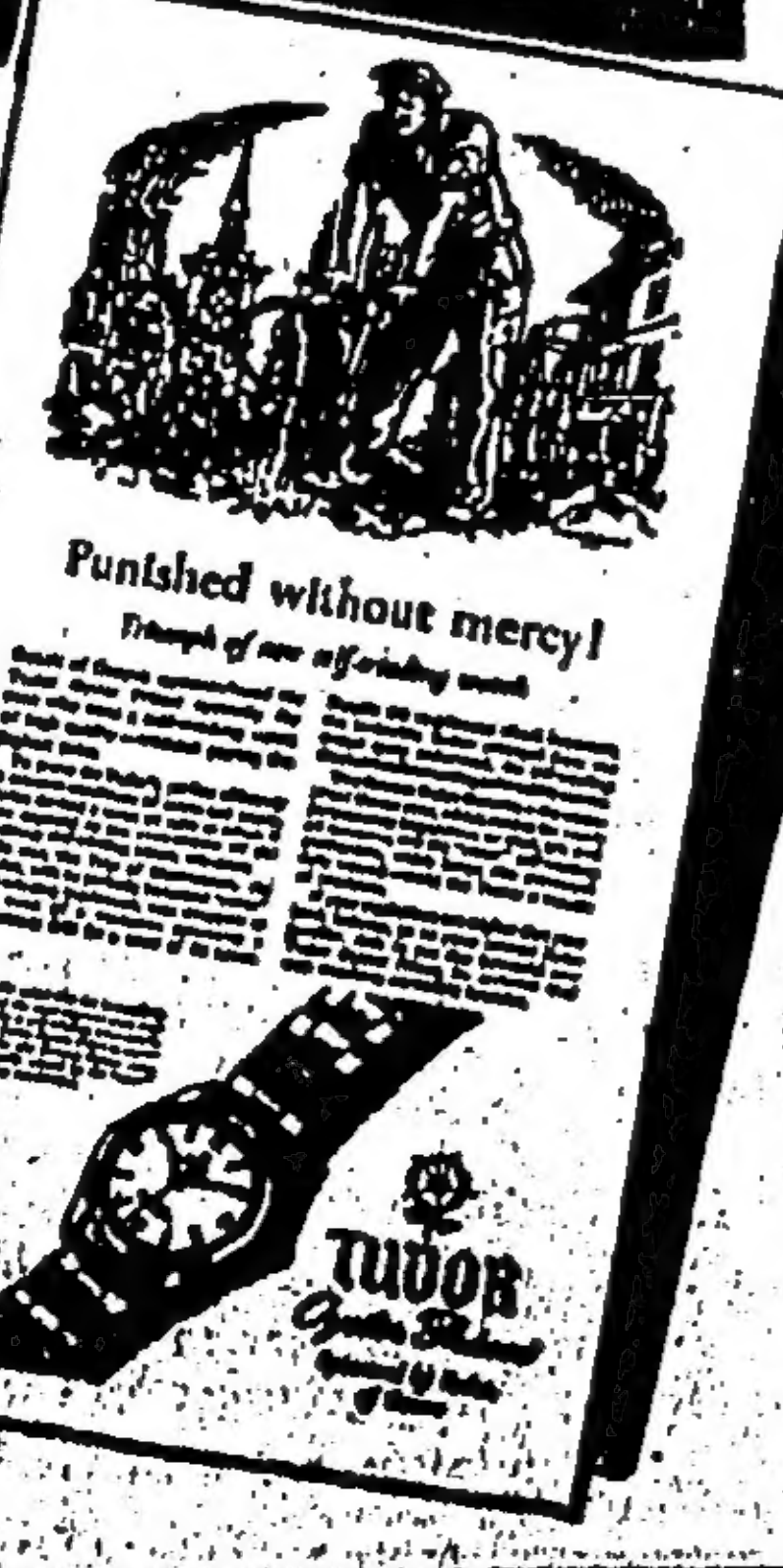
Rolex of Geneva have submitted the Tudor Oyster Prince to the most rigorous tests ever devised for a self-winding wrist-watch. So impressive were the results of these tests, that it has been decided to make them the subject of a world-wide advertising campaign. The first advertisement in this series is reproduced below.

For those of your customers who look longingly at a Rolex Perpetual, but lack the means to buy one, show them the Tudor Oyster Prince. In its field, this is undoubtedly the finest watch Swiss skill and experience have ever produced. It is retailed to the public, as illustrated.



The Tudor Oyster Prince, sponsored by Rolex of Geneva. Waterproof by the famous Oyster case, self-wound by the unique "rotor" mechanism, the Tudor Oyster Prince is the most outstanding wrist-watch for its price ever offered to the public.

This advertisement, the first of the new series, features the "Trial of Destruction." Six Tudor Oyster Princes were worn, one after the other, by a workman who spent a total of 30 hours operating a pneumatic drill. As the chief of the drill bit into granite, each watch inflected over 1,000,000 tremendous shocks. Yet the Tudor watches emerged unharmed and functioning perfectly!





## JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Don't Berate This  
Kind of Bidding

By OSWALD JACOBY

THERE was nothing wrong with the bidding of today's hand even though South failed to make the contract. It was quite normal to bid to three no-trump, and South would have made this contract against most defenders.

South didn't want to open the bidding with one no-trump, even though he had balanced distribution and a count of 18 points, because he had a worthless doubleton in diamonds. Most experts will risk bidding no-trump with a weak three-card holding, although they naturally prefer a stopper in each of the four suits, but they avoid opening in no-trump with a weak doubleton.

South's weakness in diamonds was more than compensated, of course, when North bid and rebid the suit. It seemed reasonable to suppose that North had

NORTH			
♠ 53			
♥ 106			
♦ KJ8643			
♣ A94			
WEST			
♠ 9842			
♥ J72			
♦ 43			
♣ 88			
EAST			
♠ J70			
♥ K843			
♦ AQS			
♣ J1087			
SOUTH			
♠ 87			
♥ AQ5			
♦ 107			
♣ KQ32			
North-South vul.			
South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
3N-T	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♥2			

at least eight points in high cards, so that the combined total was enough to yield a good play for game. South therefore jumped to game in no-trump.

West opened the deuce of hearts, and East put up the king. South won with the ace of hearts and led the ten of diamonds, letting it ride for a finesse. Most defenders would take the trick with the queen of diamonds, and the fact would then be in the fire.

When the hand was actually played, the East cards were held by Sidney Lazard, well-known young New Orleans expert. Sidney refused the first diamond trick and thus paved the way for the defeat of the game contract.

South continued with another diamond, as good a play as any he could make, and Lazard won with the queen. Declarer was now out of diamonds and could get to the dummy once with the ace of clubs to set the diamonds up, but he could never get there again to cash the diamonds. South could therefore make only one diamond trick, which gave him a total of only eight tricks.

Declarer would have made his contract if Lazard had won the first diamond. South would win the heart return with the queen and lead his remaining diamond to force out the ace. It would do no good to refuse the second diamond trick, since dummy would win it and would be in a position to lead a third diamond. The defenders would take two hearts and two diamonds, but South would easily take the rest, making the game and rubber.

## CARD SENSE

Q—The bidding has been:  
South West North East  
1 Club Pass 1 Diamond Pass  
? You, South, hold: Spades A-8-6, Hearts 5, Diamonds Q-7-3-2, Clubs A-K-J-3-2. What do you do?

A—Bid two diamonds. You have only 14 points in high cards, but you have good trump support and a side singleton. You can well afford this mild raise.

TODAY'S QUESTION  
The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades A-8, Hearts 8-5, Diamonds Q-7-3-2, Clubs A-K-J-3-2. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

## TARGET

HOW many words of four letters can you make from the letters O N M A P E T M I

THE EXPRESS WORD GAME  
least one nine-letter word in the list. No plurals, no proper names, no foreign words.  
TODAY'S TARGET: 43 words.  
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## YOUR BIRTHDAY

By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

BORN today, you are not one to exhibit your emotions or show your true feelings too openly. You have very definite ideas but will consider them carefully before committing yourself on them. You are a born executive and have a genuine gift for analysis as well as a genius for clear thinking. You go about your work so quietly that your full worth may not be recognised, at first. But you will grow in years, and you will also grow in stature. It is likely that you will be long-revered after death for the moral sphere.

Methodical and accurate, you would do well in any career which calls for the execution of detailed work. You are constructive and like to build—in the realm of ideas as well as in the concrete, such as houses, bridges, etc. Given the kernel of an idea, you know how to expand it in a practical and workable fashion. Once your blueprint is drawn up, you know how

to market your idea and make it popular, as well. You women additionally have a keen sense of style and know how to decorate your home attractively. You might even take up interior decorating as a career.

There is another side of your nature which all too few appreciate. You are fun-loving and a congenial host or hostess. You enjoy entertaining. Fond of members of the opposite sex, you will undoubtedly have several opportunities to wed.

Among those born on this date are William Byrd, Virginia pioneer; John Wood, inventor; James Madison, President; C. I. Herschel, astronomer; and Percy McKaye, poet.

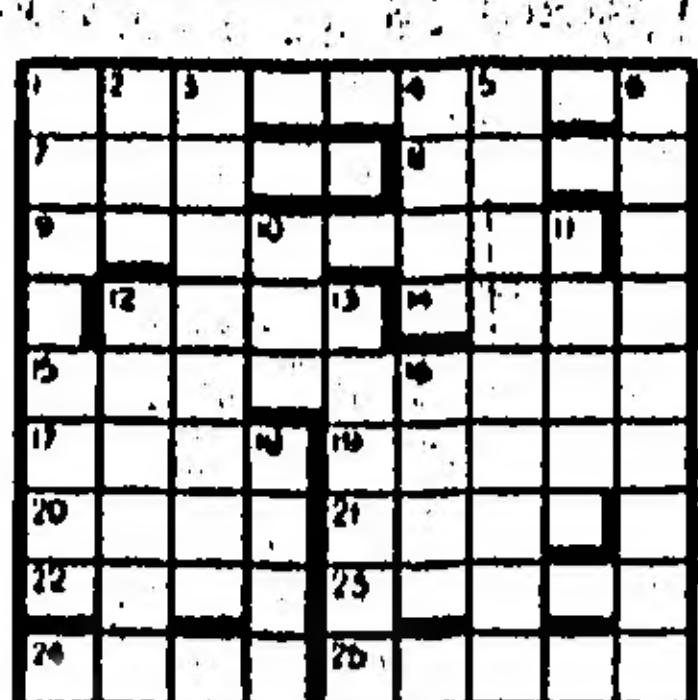
To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

THURSDAY, MARCH 17

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Happy St. Patrick's day! Don't be too upset if you daily plans go slightly awry. Adapt yourself. ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Be cautious in all that you say today. It would be much too easy to hurt someone's feelings. CANCER (June 21-July 23)—Do that good deed today. Being a good deed may win you a reward later on, when you need it. TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—If you are truly deserving, then you may anticipate something really good and exciting happening today. GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Guard against carelessness. You can avoid future trouble if you are extra cautious right now. LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Illusions and day-dreams called tricky, even dangerous. Keep one foot solidly on the ground.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Cultivate patience and you will be able to slog along, even if things seem to be at a standstill. LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—If you will just curb your tongue, you can avoid an argument. It takes two to start a row! SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—You may find release for pent-up energies if you will take part, actively, in some community project. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 24-Dec. 23)—You're on a tightrope today, so step very carefully. Keep in balance and watch where you are going. CAPRICORN (Dec. 24-Jan. 20)—The news from far away may be as pleasant as it is unexpected. Surprises can be fun! AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Make a wise decision based on past experience, and you will win out in an unsettled situation.

## CROSSWORD



Across  
1. The loud just piles up here for the ponies. (10)  
7. The egg and I are said the fat man. (6)  
8. Ministry of Parliament for Virginia? (4)  
9. Is this gas used to trap a jackass? (8)  
12. Is this kind of work for tetchy people? (4)  
14. One thing after another, as the housewife said with a basket of socks. (4)  
15. Died outside—but still in it. (10)  
17. Royal Engineer in a doubled space. (4)  
19. Hounds like what the cockney porter sticks on—in a definition case. (6)  
20. If the show is one, it should run well. (4)  
21. The second of a stop and listen sign. (4)  
22. The seating arrangement in friends' (4)  
23. Perform. (5)  
24. The unknown post. (4)  
25. The local council relies on these. (5)

Down  
1. The annual breaks. (6)  
2. Old in a naval occasion. (5)  
3. YOU provide the clue. (6)  
4. Orphy. (4)  
5. This craft doesn't venture on the high seas. (6-4)  
6. You probably do this on your 10. Come before cracking in the "Clear out" order. (5)  
11. He needs a companion in the old saying. (5)  
12. Sounds like an order in quarters' (4)  
13. It's part of the steering gear. (4)  
14. D. R. (4)  
15. D. R. (4)  
16. The boy from the real antipode. (4)  
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## CHESS PROBLEM

By A. AKEBLOM

Black, 12 pieces.



White, 6 pieces.  
White to play: mate in three.  
Solution to yesterday's problem:  
1. Kt—B5, any; 2. Q, or R mates.

# WOMANSENSE

## Dior Glamour on a Budget

If you cannot afford for a summer evening wrap, settle for an ordinary fabric stole to match your frock. You can achieve the romantic effect of this beautiful Dior embroidered stole by bordering yours with ribbon or braid. And to make the matching evening sac, use strips of the braid or ribbon together and line with the same material as the dress. Dior stole is in rich oyster satin, about 11 yards long and nearly a yard wide, with a large pocket on each wing.



London Express Service.

## Perfume Helps Morale

By HELEN FOLLETT

PERFUMES are romantic and elegant. They are more glamorous and enchanting than sparkling jewels. For thousands of years, they have cast their magic spell over women and have had some interesting effects on men.

If a woman suddenly finds life dull, she should take herself off to a beauty shop and buy a vial of captivating fragrance. Perfume does wonders for morale, makes a woman feel feminine and fascinating.

She must take time in choosing a scent, one that is delicate and subtle. For a test, she should drop a little of the essence on the back of her hand, wait until the alcohol has evaporated, take a deep sniff. Unless it is

exciting, the fragrance is not for her.

It is wise to buy the smallest quantity obtainable, live with it awhile, and see if its fascination continues.

Fragrance is best applied with an atomiser. The fine vapour settles evenly, and none is wasted. The spray avoids stains and rings on dress materials.

Sachets to match a perfume scent can be purchased. They should be attached to dress hangers, tucked in dresser drawers. Have one in your handbag. Your clothing will pick up the scent, thus saving on the perfume overhead.

## NEW RECIPES USING BEETS

By ALICE DENHOFF

TINNED beets are mighty useful, good to keep on hand at all times, for, in addition to their colourful appearance and wholesome flavour, they come whole, sliced, diced and cut.

Calico-Stuffed Baked Potatoes are an excellent supper dish. The recipe serves 4. Bake 4 medium potatoes in 350° F. oven 45 min. to 1 hr., or until done.

Cut potatoes in lengthwise halves and scoop potato from shells. Mash with 8 tbsps. butter and 1/3 c. milk. Beat until light and fluffy.

Add 1 c. diced luncheon meat, 1/2 c. grated processed Cheddar cheese, 1 small grated onion, a No. 303 tin diced beets, drained, salt and pepper to taste.

Pile mixture lightly in shells. Place on baking sheet and bake at 325° F. 25 min.

Beets and Julienne Ham combine in a new recipe.

To prepare 4 servings, drain a No. 303 tin whole beets, reserving 1/4 c. beet liquid. Heat 2 tbsps. salad oil over low heat; add tbsps. all-purpose flour and blend.

Add beet liquid, 3 tbsps. vinegar, 2 tbsps. sugar, 1/2 tsp. salt and dash pepper. Cook over low heat until thickened. Stir constantly.

Add beets, and cook until thoroughly heated. Add 1/4 c. sour cream and 1/4 lb. boiled ham, cut in thin matchlike strips. Heat to serving temperature.

Then here's a quick version of that sturdy old New England standby, Red Flannel Hash.

Combine 1 lb. tin corned beef hash, a No. 303 tin diced beets, drained, salt and pepper to taste. Mix well.

Shape into 4 patties; chill.

Melt butter or margarine in a large skillet.

Saute patties until well browned on both sides. Serve them immediately.

## Spring Hat Has Fruit In Front



This attractive spring beret with a forward tilt is in mimosa-coloured Swiss straw with an under-brim of palm leaf fringing. In the front, the dipping brim is trimmed with a bunch of fruit. It is a London creation.

—(London Express Service)

## BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

THE surprising installation of juke-boxes to complete our musical education, should help to solve the main problem of radio fanatics—what to do when there is no noise going on.

The Americans devised a method by which the ultra-sensitive could buy a few minutes' silence. Juke-boxes were fitted with some blank records. That idea about to be copied here. There is no better example of the "best contemporary thought" than the establishment of the principle that in order not to have noise, you install a machine which, at a trifling cost, will supply you with a few minutes' silence.

Nothing doing (6)

As Humphrey Scabbard sat at dinner in the hotel dining-room a tall dark girl passed his table and dropped beside his plate a dirty bit of paper. On opening it, Humphrey read: "£210 10s. 2d. 200 734 221110." At that moment a Bulgarian introduced himself as the Mayor of Nulovyor-nonzem, and offered him 40,000 dollars for the bit of paper. Thinking this a silly joke, Humphrey said: "You can have it for nothing." "Then it cannot be what I want," said the Mayor. A voice behind Humphrey's chair said: "50,000 dollars." "50,000," said the waiter at his elbow. "Is this an auction?" asked Humphrey sarcastically, as a woman on blue spectacles pushed through the crowd gathering round the table, and said, "50,000 dollars." "100,000 dollars," cried a Persian oil magnate. Humphrey let them bid to their heart's content, slowly savouring his smugness. But they could hardly raise his hand to his mouth. "Wonder," muttered Humphrey, "if I'll have to pay income tax on this unusual deal."

What happens when you sneeze?

THIS is an enlarged photograph of the phenomenon which causes you to sneeze. When you sneeze, breath forces its way through these pores, releasing tiny spruces of condensed water. These produce a tingling in the pharyngeal nerves, and the pressure on the secondary terminals of the nostrils

sets up what is called stertormentation or sneeze-condition.

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## No Postponement Of Army-South China Football Match

Written requests from the Army and South China for postponement of their First Division league soccer matches on Sunday, March 27, were turned down by the Management Committee of the Hong-kong Football Association which met at the Association's office, Sports Road, yesterday. Capt. W. A. George was in the Chair.

South China asked for the postponement of their match against Eastern on the grounds that their players would have a very strenuous game on the previous day (Saturday, March 26, the Shield Final against Army).

C. K. Woo, Eastern team manager, protested against the postponement of the match stating that as it was, the season would have to be carried on nearly into summer due to the postponing of games. Mr. K. K. Ip, secretary of the Association, stated that the request for postponement was not supported by reasonable grounds.

There being no seconder for Mr. Mok Hing, the South China representative, it was decided that the fixtures stand Army will have Kwong Wah as their opponents.

Mr. Mok Hing stated that he reserved the right to protest.

**TAIKOO F.C. SANCTIONED**  
A letter of sanction is to be sent to the Taikoo Football Club which failed to field an XI against Gymnastic in a Second Division league soccer match scheduled to have taken place on Sunday, March 6.

The referee in charge of the game stated that he blew the whistle twice for the commencement of play but no Taikoo player took the field.

Taikoo, in a letter to the F.A., explained that the person in charge of the team was urgently called back to work. Nine Taikoo players were at the ground but were unable to field a team due to injuries.

Taikoo will have to pay a fine of \$32 (defence) and three men's fees.

As a curtain raiser to the Governor's Cup match on March 20, a match between a Chinese veterans' team (composed of those players who participated in the 1936 Berlin Olympics) and the Royal Navy Selection will be played. The match will commence at 3.15 p.m.

By kind permission of Lt. Col. P. S. Clement-Smith, the band of the Essex Regiment, under Bandmaster Mr. R. W. Brown, will play at the Senior Shield Final.

### MEN SELECTED

The following have been selected to represent the HKFA XI against the Chinese FA XI in the second match of the Governor's Cup series on March 20:

Lewis (Army), Nash (St. Joseph's), Hayes (Army), Higgins (Army), Honniball (Sing Tao), Toth (RAF), Osbourne (Army), Moss (Police), Morris (Army), McLellan (RAF), Walmsley (Army).  
Reserves: Payne (Navy), P. Hahn (St. Joseph's), Tolson (St. Joseph's), M. Xavier (St. Joseph's), Murray (Army).  
Team Manager: Capt. W. A. George.

The FA team will play in blue and white stripes. It is understood that the Chinese Selection will be in red.

## Climate Worries Malayan Shuttle Ace

London, Mar. 15.  
Wong Peng-soon, Malaya's ace badminton player, hopes to have his fourth win in the All England Championships here next week but his immediate concern is to become acclimatized.

"I have not been warm since I arrived here on Friday," Wong said at a press conference today. "It is a little difficult to get used to the change of temperature from about 90 degrees of Singapore to the winter air of England."

Wong, outright winner of the Merc's Single Trophy with three successive wins, made his sudden and surprise visit at the request of the English Badminton Association. After an adventurous air trip, which took three days, he has had two spells of practice at the Wimbledon Badminton Club.

He will play in an invitation tournament at Manchester on Friday and Saturday before making an attempt to win the All England title for the fourth time.

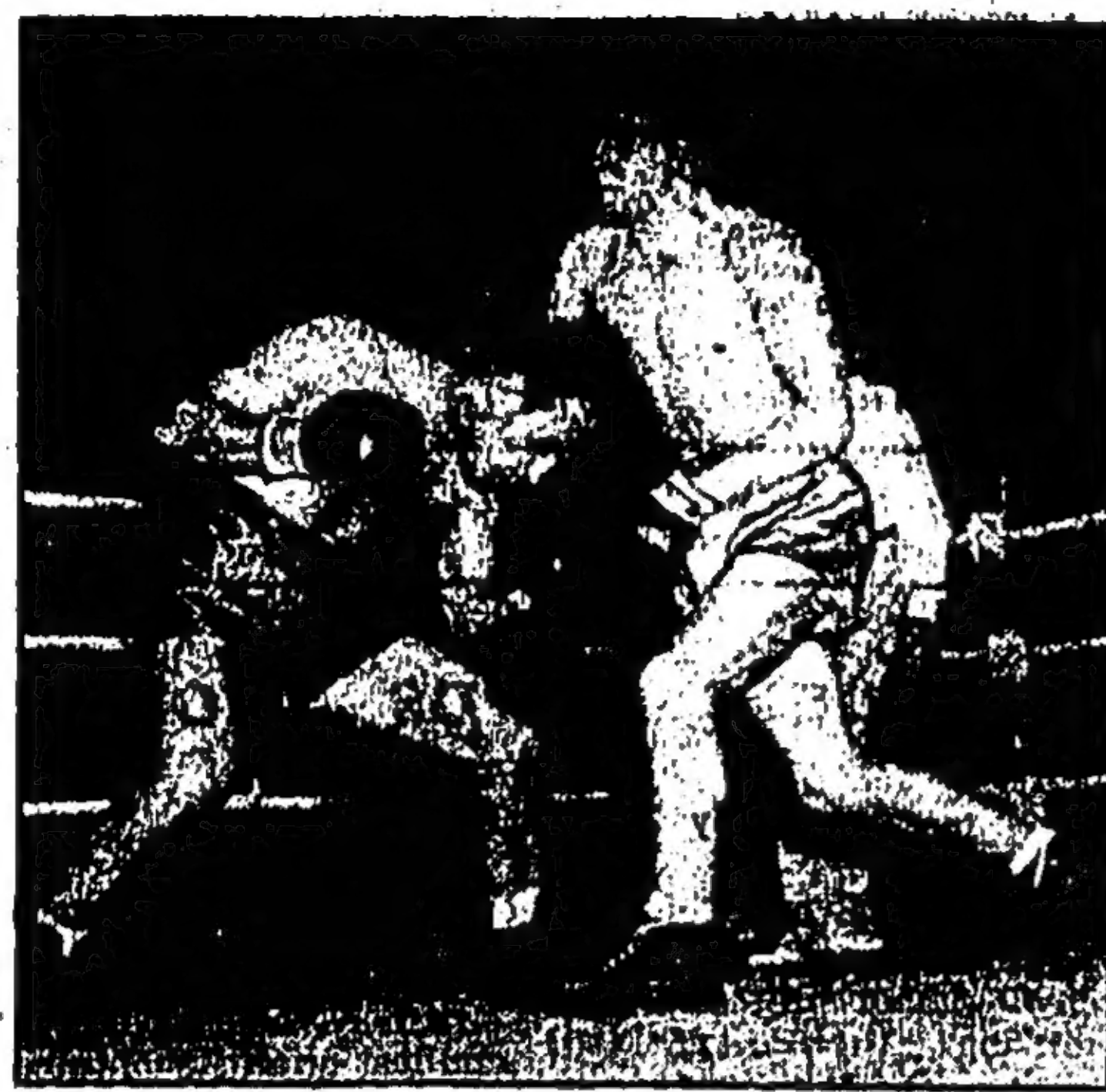
Wong was greatly impressed by the increased interest in the game in England. "A lot of promising young players have come into the game," he said, "and I think the standard of play has improved."

Wong will return home immediately after the championships and hopes to be included in Malaya's Thomas Cup team in the final year of his career. He thought Malaya's team would be disbanded during the latter part of April.

Eddy Choong, who won the all England title last year, and will probably win it again in the final year of his career, has just passed the last part of the first stage of his Law examinations. He hopes to take his final examinations in about a week's time.



These two fine action pictures show how Dal Dower of Wales so decisively outplayed Nazareno Giannelli of Italy in their recent fight for the European Flyweight Championship. The top picture shows Dower landing a straight left to his opponent's head while the picture on the left shows Giannelli ducking to avoid a right cross from Dower. — By winning this fight, Dower added the European Flyweight title to his British and Empire crowns. — Central Press Photographs.



## Americans Win Three Track And Field Events

Mexico City, Mar. 15.

Two U.S. soldiers leaped more than 26 feet in the broad jump and their team-mates won three other track and field championships yesterday as the United States made a near sweep of honours in the Pan-American Games.

Hoslyn Ranger, an Army private, won the broad jump with a leap of 26 ft 4 1/2 ins—one of the greatest in track history—and he was closely pressed by John Bennett with 26-3 1/2.

The world record is 26 ft 8 1/2 ins set by the famous Olympic star, Jesse Owens, at Ann Arbor, Michigan, 20 years ago. Eulace Peacock is the only other who has broad jumped farther. Peacock did 26-3 in 1935.

A crowd of 25,000 saw the Americans win four of the five track championships contested and boost the unofficial score to 15 points compared with 37 1/2 for Argentina, its chief rival.

Josh Culbreath streaked over the 400-metre hurdles in 51.5 secs, just 1.1 off the listed world mark held by Russia's Yuri Litvinov, and shattered the Games mark of 53.4 set by Jaime Aparicio of Colombia in 1951. Aparicio was second this time in 51.7 and Wilson of Gomez third.

**SHOT PUT RECORD**  
Barry O'Brien of the U.S., the world record holder, put the shot 57 ft 8 1/2 ins, bettering the Games mark of 56 ft 6 1/2 ins set by Jim Fuchs four years ago. O'Brien's world record is 60 ft 10 ins. Second and third places were also won by Americans, Fortune Gordien and Martin Engel.

Josh Culbreath collapsed after he had won the 400-metre hurdles.  
He called it "the most horrible race I ever ran" and said: "I'll never run in this attitude again." It took him an hour to recover from the race.

Richard Rodney, of the U.S., won the 100-metre final in 10.3 secs. Mike Agostini, San Jose State collegian running for his native Trinidad, was second, followed by Willie Williams of Illinois. Agostini and Williams had similar clockings of 10.4.

Rodney's time equaled the Pan-American record set up by Agostini and Williams in the heats.  
The United States' women sprinters were beaten in the 60-metre dash by Bertha Elias of Cuba who won the event in 7.5 secs. Isabel Daniels finished second in 7.8 and Mabel Landry of Chicago third, clocked also in 7.8. Then came Gladys Erbetta of Argentina in 7.7 and Mae Fagan of the U.S. with no time given.

### TENNIS

Art Larsen and Ed Mayland of the U.S. had a straight-set victory in their opening doubles match, beating Brazil's Ruben Rangel Barbosa and Armando Vieira 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.  
Jean Clark and Dennis Bradshaw, 18-year-old San Jose high-school students, advanced

## ENGLAND TO MEET RUSSIA AT SOCCER

London, Mar. 15.

The Football Association announced here today that England would play Russia on June 3 next year, the first international match between them.

Matches will also be played against Germany and Sweden on the same tour.  
The Football Association also announced that Wolverhampton Wanderers, the present English First Division Champions, had been invited to play in Kiev on May 25 and in Moscow on May 30 this year.—Reuter.

## SUN APPEARS FOR TEST

Dunedin, Mar. 16.

The weather was sunny here today and a full day's cricket was expected on the final day of the first Test Match between England and New Zealand.

Rain had prevented any play on the last two days, but the ground appeared dry today.  
New Zealand made 125 in their first innings to which England have replied with 208 for eight.—Reuter.



It was George III who said "Six hours' sleep for a man, seven for a woman and eight for a fool." Notoriously, his opinion on any subject was not worth having, yet we still hear this idiotic saying repeated as if it contained such wisdom.

For the average, healthy, active man, eight hours of sleep is not too much, but there are people who seem to be able to do with less: it is purely an individual question.

It is in sleep that we make up the energy we have expended during the day. It is a mistake, after a hard day's work to eat a large meal and then go immediately to bed: on the other hand it is unwise to go to bed hungry.

Don't take your worries to bed. There is a great deal of truth in the old saying, "that when retiring, one should cast off one's cares with one's clothes."  
The position of the pillow is very important. The lower edge should be tucked into the hollow of the neck, thus preventing all strain on the neck muscles, by filling up the space between the head and the shoulder. If there is a gap at this point, it means that the neck muscles are more or less tense.

The old bogey that tight air is harmful, still persists, yet people suffering from lung trouble have to sleep with plenty of air in their bedrooms. As this is necessary, surely the same rule should be practised as a preventive from catching the disease.

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**  
Mexico City, Mar. 14.  
Brazil beat Canada 60-43 in a women's basketball game.—United Press.

**WEIGHT-LIFTING**  
Mexico City, Mar. 15.  
Two American weight-lifting records were broken in the Pan American Games here last night. US Pe'e Gorgeson the middle-weight, beat his own Pan American record of 380 kilos in 1951 with a lift of 405 kilos.

In the lightweight class, US Jose Pitman captured the championship with a lift of 355 kilos.—France-Press.

## Ray Hurford, Most Prolific Prize-Winner In Colony Cycling Championships

By "NTACA"

Thick-set, muscular Ray Hurford of the REME CC, is the most prolific prize-winner in Colony cycling. To catalogue his wins in major events would take up far too much space, but some indication of his ability can be gained from a brief tally.

Winner of the "SCMP" Best All-Rounder Time Trial Cup in the 1953/4 season; winner of the NTACA Massed Start Championship, the REME Cycling Championship and the "LORD" Best All-Rounder Massed Start Shield in both 1953/4 and 1954/5; First in 12 Massed Start and Sixth in Time Trials, with places in 14 others; one time holder of Colony Records at 50 miles and New Territories Road Circuit. Quite an imposing list for a man who had never taken part in first-class competition before coming to Hongkong in December 1953.

He started riding a cycle with the Nottingham Sphere CC in 1951, and took part in a few time trials at the shorter distance, without a great deal of success. The Army interfered with his cycling until he joined the REME CC where he quickly became the mainstay of that all-conquering team in the 1953/4 season.

In his second season, he had as a team-mate to Colony 25 T. T. Record holder, Rylance, and between them they bid fair to repeat the exploits of the previous year.

Rylance's posting to Malaya upset the team, and Hurford has been experiencing a bad patch, until the recent three-day race, when he took third place, and the NTACA 65 Miles Massed Start Championship race of last Wednesday, when he beat Bouch in a magnificent sprint to take the "Lord" Shield for the second year in succession.

**HARD TRAINING**  
A firm believer in plenty of hard training, he does best when training in company which will make him work hard. He adopts a very forward position on his cycle, one that obviously suits his physique and style of riding.

Not a food faddist, but believes in fruit and milk as aids to the Army diet. He has had some experience with Weight-Training, but confines it to the "off-season."

A very strong rider, who does not yet realise his full potentiality, he will most certainly make his mark at home in the Massed Start field, when he leaves in June of this year.

The 51 Miles Massed Start Race for the "Watson" Shield, held over the New Territories Road Circuit on Sunday, provided him with yet another victory, again over Bouch in the final sprint. The race was a very hard affair, with Beck as the starting favourite.

For two of the three laps the field was fairly well bunched, but on the last hill of lap three, Beck made a getaway to a lead of about 200 yards. Bouch and Hurford took up the pursuit, and doing "Bit and Bit," made contact with six miles still to go.

Coming into the finishing straight, Beck made a valiant effort, but he was passed by both his rivals to finish third place four yards down. This was a flash of the old Hurford, and we hope his form is back to stay.

The Hussars again took the team award, as seems to be a habit of theirs nowadays. Cowan and Jones filling fourth and fifth places, two minutes down.

Perhaps the revelation of the race was the new REME CC rider, Ellingham, who after only 20 training miles, since last October, stuck with the leaders until puncturing at 49 miles, finishing seventh, seven minutes down on the winner. Looks a likely prospect when he can get fit.

**RECORDS ACCEPTED**  
The Hongkong Cycling Association called a special meeting on Sunday, to ratify records and settle the programme for the remainder of the season.

The records accepted were the 50 miles Time Trials of Gower, at 27-58, and Beck at 27-07. 50 Miles Team Time Trial, Kai Tak Exiles, 6-39-06, and 7th Hussars, 6-28-43; Twisk Hill Climb, Beck, 19-10, and Team, REME CC 1-3-54. Among other subjects discussed was the course for the HKCAA Massed Start Championship Race, due to be held on April 24.

Finally approved was the 3-lap, 90-mile route involving three climbs of the longer side of Route One. A stiff course, and a true Championship one.

The magnificent "BSA" Shield is the Team award for this race, won last year by the Kai Tak Exiles. Today White of the Welch being the individual Champion.

Novices will be well catered for this Summer. In addition to the NTACA Competition with events to be held on Wednesdays, I hear that the Kai Tak Exiles are also promoting a Novice Competition, on similar lines, to be run off on Sundays. By taking part in both these Competitions, the Novice should be well-and-truly fit by the start of next season.

### MAGAZINE ARTICLES

Contributions for the HKCAA Magazine are coming in, but very slowly. Strange how those who can talk so much, for so long, cannot get some of it on paper. Some ideas? Your first or most memorable race; incidents on Tours, true or imaginary; your views on any aspect of cycling, Colony or other. There is no end to the variety of subjects on which articles can be written. After all, it is YOUR Magazine.

One very well-reasoned letter summed up the consensus of opinion on the lack of a Track in the Colony. The writer asks how we can expect the powers that be to go to the trouble of building a suitable track, when so few riders can go to the trouble which are promoted.

It is true that such events as the Colony Cup, the writer asks the HKCAA, REME, etc., have been badly supported. Surely we must first show our own keenness and willingness to participate, before we can expect others to take an interest.

Remember that the full-scale Cycle Meeting organised by the NTACA had to be cancelled for lack of entrants, not an inspiring fact for the would-be builder of a Track to contemplate. Do not forget the meeting on March 20 and 27.

And now to the question for this week. From the point of view of a club, which is the more important, an individual or a Team victory? And why?

## Fencing Match Results

The following are the details of the fencing match, in which the Hongkong Sword Club defeated the Chinese Black Fencing Team on Monday.

Hongkong Sword Club.—P. G. Williams—3 wins; Dr. Reid—3 wins; J. A. Ozorio—3 wins; J. Mearns—1 win; P. Mearns—1 win—Total 13 wins (71 hits against).

Chinese Black Fencing Team.—R. Lynn—4 wins; Hung Hui—3 wins; George Hui—2 wins; F. Fung—1 win; Lam Si Lap—1 win—Total 12 wins (77 hits against).

The result of this match gives the Hongkong Sword Club an excellent chance of winning the League. They have, however, to defeat the Army on March 20. Although the Chinese Black Team have already defeated the Army Team, Major George Brewer was not fencing on that occasion. At full strength the Army Team may well prove too strong for the Hongkong Sword Club Team.

### LEAGUE STANDINGS

Present League positions are as follows:

	P	W	L	F	A	Plu
H.K. Sword Club	3	3	0	47	25	2
Chinese Black	3	1	2	27	23	1
Army	3	1	2	28	27	1
H.K. Police	3	0	3	20	29	1
H.K.A.F. (Little Saigon)	2	0	2	18	20	0



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# SOCCER ON THE INSIDE

Edited By SAM LEITCH & TERENCE ELLIOTT

Alf McMichael, Ireland's soccer captain and former Newcastle United skipper, has asked for a transfer.

This is a transfer plea with a difference, a request without bitterness on the part of a player who feels he must make this move after a long spell in the reserves.

His troubles date back to the day this season when he travelled to captain Ireland in Glasgow against the Scots. He had been under treatment for an ankle injury and was ruled out as unfit.

Back home, he lost his place in Newcastle's League team to Ron Batty. And Batty has kept the job.

Sporting McMichael and Batty are close friends. Alf said at the time that he didn't mind playing in the reserves a time or two, that "it's all in the game."

But Batty continued to play well, could not be dropped.

So McMichael wrote his note to the club he joined with

inside forward George Hannah from Belfast club Linfield in a big deal in September 1949.

McMichael told the club that, as Ireland's captain, he felt he should have a first team place. "But," he said, "there doesn't seem any chance now. Ron Batty is playing so well."

He says Newcastle have been good to him, that he owes his success in English football to Newcastle United.

Player target No. 1 in the country just now is Millwall's 18-year-old centre-half Charles Hurley. The Cork-born lad is the subject of weekly inquiries by some of the best known clubs in the country.

But oh, the price! If Millwall are quoting fat five-figure fees for a lad they picked up for the £10 signing-on fee to try to score off bidders, they are certainly succeeding.

Says one manager recently: "It's just like asking for John Charles."

Hurley replaced Irish International Gerry Bowler in January last year. He was signed from youth club soccer.

## URGENT PROBLEM

Preston officials make their twentieth trip of the season to Scotland. Manager Frank Hill will have another look at Dundee and Scotland "B" centre-half Preston Malloy.

Preston's centre-half problem is gaining urgency through the summer-time return home of Australian Joe Murnion, now nearing 200 consecutive appearances since being tried as pivot.

Reading and thorough Dennis Uphill (seven goals in the last two games) have settled their difference. Backstage story from happy, happy Reading over the removal of Uphill's name from the transfer list is this—

Manager Jack Smith has told Dennis that, on present form, he certainly could not lose his League place, which means that recently signed centre forward Tommy Dixon from West Ham will not get a League outing with Reading at centre forward for some weeks at least.

Uphill's decision will disappoint many clubs who have long admired his skill. But it took the shrewd switch of manager Smith to exploit Uphill's deadly opportunism near goal.

England tackle Spain and Portugal in their summer tour on new grounds. On May 18 the Spanish International will be played on the Real Madrid club ground, the Chamartin Stadium, opened last summer and with a capacity of 120,000.

In Portugal on May 22 the marble-tiled National Stadium will not be used. The match, by order of the Ministry of

Sport, takes place at Oporto on a recently-built stadium.

Swap talk in the Midlands features Tommy Thompson, of Aston Villa, and wee Ernie Taylor, of Blackpool, with a cash adjustment for Blackpool.

Thompson has not been in the Villa team which has recently checked with two sound wins over Huddersfield and Chelsea.

Taylor, transfer-listed last week at his own request, will only move to a First Division club.

Brazil's crack soccer side, America EC of Rio de Janeiro, may join England in April and meet Portsmouth. Four years ago, in Rio, Pompey met Brazil and lost 3-2.

Nice if Pompey completed the setting by inviting Arthur Ellis to referee the match as he did at Rio.

Leyton Orient have been so impressed by the form of recent signing Phil Woosnam, the Welsh amateur international, inside forward, that they intend enlarging their scouting activities in Wales.

## MAY BE FIRST

Len Stephenson, third man in a hat-trick of Blackpool transfer requests (No. 1 Stan Mortensen, No. 2 Ernie Taylor), may be the first to land a new club.

If he is ready to join Port Vale manager Freddie Steele is ready to settle for the tall, 24-year-old attacker as the man who can solve his inside forward problem.

Vale have put their cards on the Blackpool table. Coinciding with this Blackpool told Stephenson he was on the list.

Strange thing is that neighbouring Stoke are treading the same trail—seeking an inside forward—so there will be at least one new face in the Potteries within the next few days.

Newcastle chief Duggie Livingstone, who left Belgium for the North-East, has a grudge against the English climate. And who can blame him as he says: "Snow and slush every day. That's how it has been since I saw my first Newcastle match on December 27. In that time the weather has restricted the players to one practice match. These conditions don't give any team the chance to play football."

Laurie Hughes, Liverpool's international centre half and captain, will not be playing for the first time again this season. Laurie is unfortunately due for a club operation for cartilage trouble.

## HKCFA XI For Second Governor's Cup Match

The Hongkong Chinese Football Association yesterday selected the following to represent the HKCFA XI against the HKFA XI in the second round of the Governor's Cup series at the Club Ground on Sunday, March 18: Wei Fat-him (KMB), Hou Yung-sung (Sing Tao), Lau Yee (South China), Chan Fai-hung (Kitchener), Ko Po-keung (South China), Capt. Tong Shou-ai (South China), Ho Ying-fan (Kitchener), Ho Cheung-yau (Sing Tao), Leo Yek-tak (South China), Yiu Cheuk-yin (South China), Mok Chun-wah (South China).

Reserves: Tam Nai-huen (Sing Tao), Szeo Yiu (KMB), Ng Koo-cheung (Kwong Wah), Tang Sum (KMB), Chu Wing-keung (Kitchener), Au Chi-yin (Police), Lo Kwok-tai (Sing Tao), Szeo Man (KMB).

Team Manager: Kwok Ying-ahn. Coach: Chu Kwok-hum.

## HKBA Invite Entries For Open Championships

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Hongkong Badminton Association held yesterday, it was decided to invite entries for the following events in the Hongkong Annual Open Badminton Championships for the 1954-1955 season:

Senior Men's Singles—\$10 per player.

Senior Men's Doubles—\$15 per pair.

Senior Mixed Doubles—\$15 per pair.

Senior Ladies' Singles—\$5 per player.

Senior Ladies' Doubles—\$10 per pair.

Junior Men's Singles—\$10 per player.

Junior Men's Doubles—\$15 per pair.

Junior Mixed Doubles—\$15 per pair.

Junior Ladies' Singles—\$5 per player.

Junior Ladies' Doubles—\$10 per pair.

All members of the clubs affiliated to the Hongkong Badminton Association are eligible to compete. Any player in the Colony not being a member of any affiliated club may compete in the Championships on payment of an affiliation fee of \$2 in addition to the entrance fees.

All players who participated in any of the Senior events in the Hongkong Open Championships during the past three years will not be eligible to compete in the Championships in the forthcoming Championships, with the exception of those who, in the 1953-1954 season also played in the Junior Championship events.

Any player who is playing in the Senior Divisions of the League this season and desires to enter for any Junior event in the Championships should also submit his or her entries for the approval of the Championship Committee of the Association.

Entries should be submitted through Club Representatives to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. M. A. Oliveira, C/O Currier Accounts Department, Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hongkong, accompanied by entrance fees not later than Tuesday, March 22.

**MUST BE WRITTEN**

Entries without entrance fees will not be accepted. Only written applications on the Official Entry Form will be accepted.

The names of partners in doubles events must be submitted at the time of entry and no fictitious names will be accepted. No alteration or substitution of players can be permitted after the draw has been made. Partners in various doubles events need not be members of the same club.

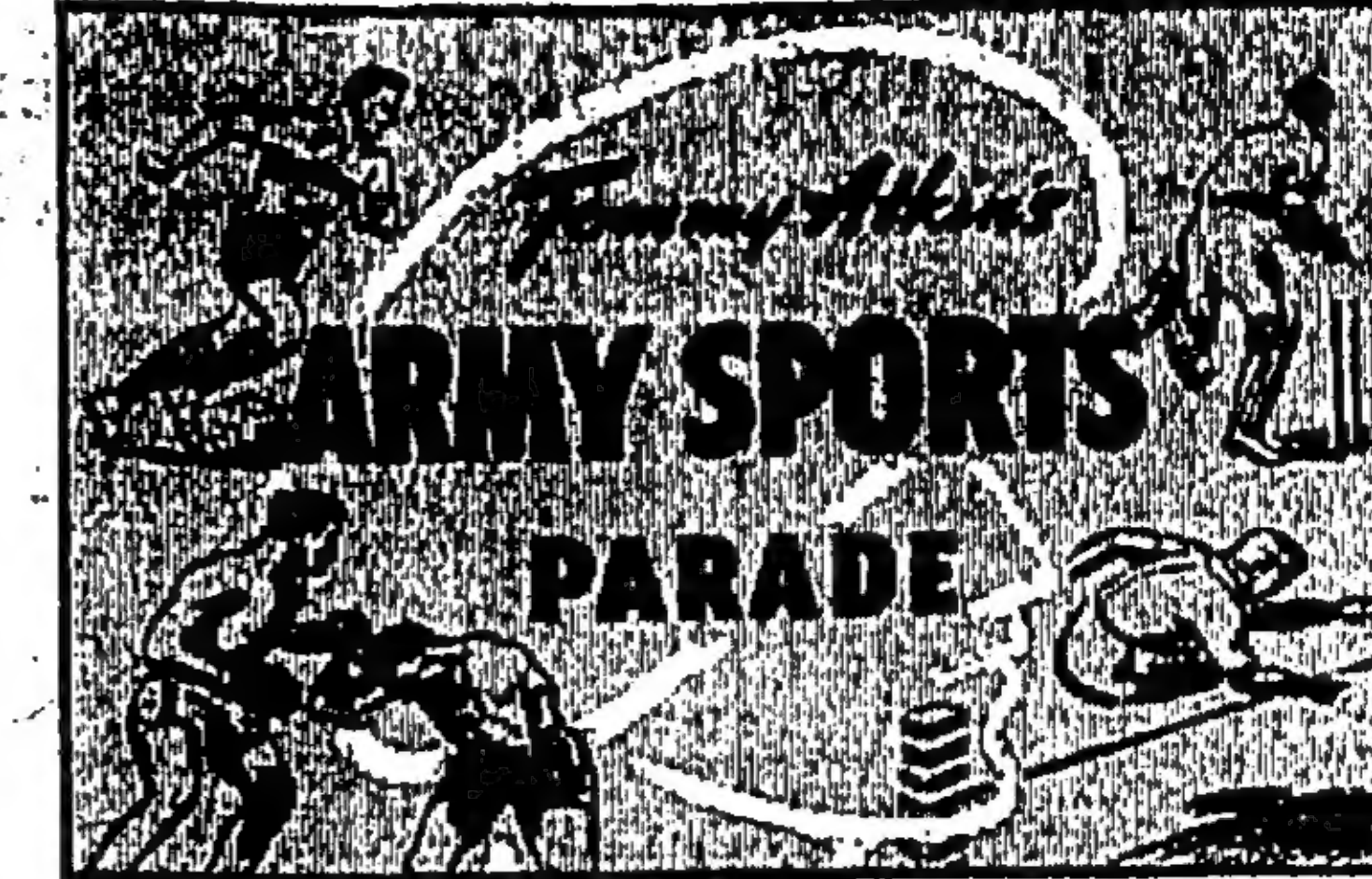
Junior players are strongly recommended to play also in the Senior events for the improvement of their play, and their participation in Senior events will not detract them from competing in the Junior Championships in future seasons.

Dates and courts for matches will be arranged by the Championship Sub-Committee and published in the Press. Publication of fixtures in the Press will serve as sufficient notice. Competitors must be at the court and ready to play at the appointed time. Rescheduling of matches will not be entertained.

Subject to the approval of clubs concerned, matches will be played at St Teresa's Church Club, Club de Recreio, Craighower Cricket Club and Talkoo Club.

Entries for all matches will be appointed by the Championship Sub-Committee. The brand of shuttlecock to be used will be announced later through Club Representatives and the Press. The Championships will commence on Monday, April 4, 1955, for all Junior events; Mid-April (after return of Thomas Cup) for all Senior events.

Entries are subject to the approval of the Championship Sub-Committee, who are empowered to make any additions or amendments to these rules from time to time, and whose decision will be final in all cases.



The Top Spot on the Sports Parade has now become an established medium for acknowledgment of a job well done, an outstanding achievement, or an appreciation of a particularly fine display of sportsmanship.

This week it would be possible to stretch the Top Spot more than half-way down the column... and even then there would be others still worthy of recognition.

This is an excellent reflection on the fine standard of sporting activity in the Army in the Colony at the present time, but it makes difficult for me to decide just who should be accorded the Spot of Honour.

With so many fine achievements I am in a sort of heads you win—tails I lose predicament, but I am certain there will be few quibbles if I strengthen the marginal frames and march the Red and Green shirtd Fijian rugby team into the spotlight.

The visit of the Fijian side has been more than just a shot-in-the-arm to the game here in Hongkong. It has stimulated interest in places where there was little interest before. They play their rugby with a freshness and with an utter lack of convention that makes for really enjoyable entertainment... and somehow they just cannot help making friends.

It would be wrong to mention the Fijians without paying compliment to the excellent way their visit to the Colony has been managed and handled by the Army Rugby Association. This is not only my personal view it is one I have heard expressed by other sections of the press.

Well Played Army South... playing bright aggressive cricket they decisively defeated their friendly rivals from KCC at Soekunpoo on Saturday afternoon. Clarke got seven wickets then the opening batsmen ran up to 100 before being separated and had the satisfaction of seeing the KCC total passed with only two wickets down.

It was generally expected that if KCC won the toss in this vital game, they would send the Army side to the wicket and let them do the "usual." Well, the KCC Captain did in fact win the toss but he decided to take first knock. This had disastrous results and could mean that the championship which KCC virtually had in their grasp may yet land elsewhere.

**BOXING CHAMPIONS**

The 1 Bn Northampton, Land Forces Team Boxing Champions, will leave the Colony at the week-end to take part in the FARELF Final at Singapore. It has now been ascertained that their opponents will be 30 Bn. RAOC, the Singapore champions, who defeated 15/19 Hussars, the winners of the Malaya section, in the semi-final. After their fine showing at Fanning we shall look forward to early news of further success by the Northamptonians.

The team will be aboard the "Georgie" and it looks as though the big trooper is going to be a hive of pugilistic activity for in addition to the Northampton's 14-man team there will be 13 more boxers on their way to take part in the FARELF Individual Championships.

In spite of the big contingent the Hongkong individual representation is not going to be quite as strong as had been anticipated.

This comes about because five Land Forces champions are unable to make the trip. They are Sgt. Inst. Weaver (Light), L/Bdr. Ruffe (Welter), Cn. Travers (Middle), L/Bdr. Burgess (Lt. Heavy), Pte. Healey (Heavy).

Nevertheless there are some fine fighters in our party and it will be a big disappointment if we do not see a fair sprinkling of FARELF title-holders among them when they return to the Colony.

A timely reminder to officers. The Annual General Meeting of the U.S.C. will take place at the Club next Wednesday, March 23 at 8 p.m. The committee is most anxious that there should be a large turn-out of members.

**CALDECK CUP**

The draw for the quarter-finals of the Caldbeck Cup is as follows—25 Fd. Regt. RA, v. 27 HAA Regt. RA; 1 King's Own Regt. v. 72 LAA Regt. RA; Command Workshops v. 7th Hussars; 42 RA Regt. RA, v. 1 Northampton.

The match between Command Workshops and 7th Hussars will

be played at Boundary Street tomorrow afternoon starting at 4 p.m. The other games—with the possible exception of 25 Fd. Regt. v. 27 HAA Regt. RA—will be played next Wednesday.

The final of the Major Units Knock-out Competition between 25 Fd. Regt. RA and 27 HAA Regt. RA will be played off next Wednesday. The game is provisionally fixed for Soekunpoo although there is a possibility that it may be played at the Club Stadium. The kick-off is scheduled for 3 o'clock.

The Minor Units Final will be played on Wednesday, March 30 and brings together 6 C.O.D. and Command Workshops. It is understood that as both teams are located in Kowloon a request is being made to our good friends of the Hongkong Police for the game to be played on their ground at Boundary Street. Once again the game will start at 3 o'clock.

The big date of course in the soccer calendar is Saturday, March 28 when the Army representative sides will meet South China in the finals of both the Senior and Junior Shields. These games will be played at the Club Stadium in what will be a real gala occasion.

**ORGANISATION TRIUMPH**

The Major Unit Athletic Team Championship meeting at Boundary Street last Saturday was another triumph of immaculate organisation. It also provided a closeness of competition that even the organizers could hardly have foreseen, but it was certainly a closeness of competition that kept the spectators—and competitors—on tenterhooks right up to the final events.

Congratulations to 27 HAA RA on their meritorious, if somewhat unexpected victory. They showed a fine sense of team work but their margin of only half a point over 14th Fd. Regt. RA gives some indication of the tense situation that existed as the closing events were taking place.

1st Bn. Essex Regt., who started favourites, finished in third place seven points behind the winners, but in such company even this was a grand performance. One observer said that in many years of watching athletes in action he has seldom seen anything to better the spirited performance of Lt. Sweeney (14th Fd. Regt.) in the vital relay. Taking over the baton on the last leg 15 yards behind a top class runner like Lt. Burch Sweeney put up a magnificent effort to snatch victory by inches.

**ARMY'S LOSS**

Once again a departing troopship leaves the Army football scene. Returning to the UK on the Georgie will be Barker and Leary who have played many fine games in Army colours.

In his two seasons here Barker made many appearances in the Senior side at right back and right half and has been the regular right-back since Wallace left the Colony. However, his best work from a team point of view was done as skipper of this season's very successful Army "B" team. Here his natural good humour and his knowledge of the Chinese footballer proved invaluable in helping new players to settle down quickly.

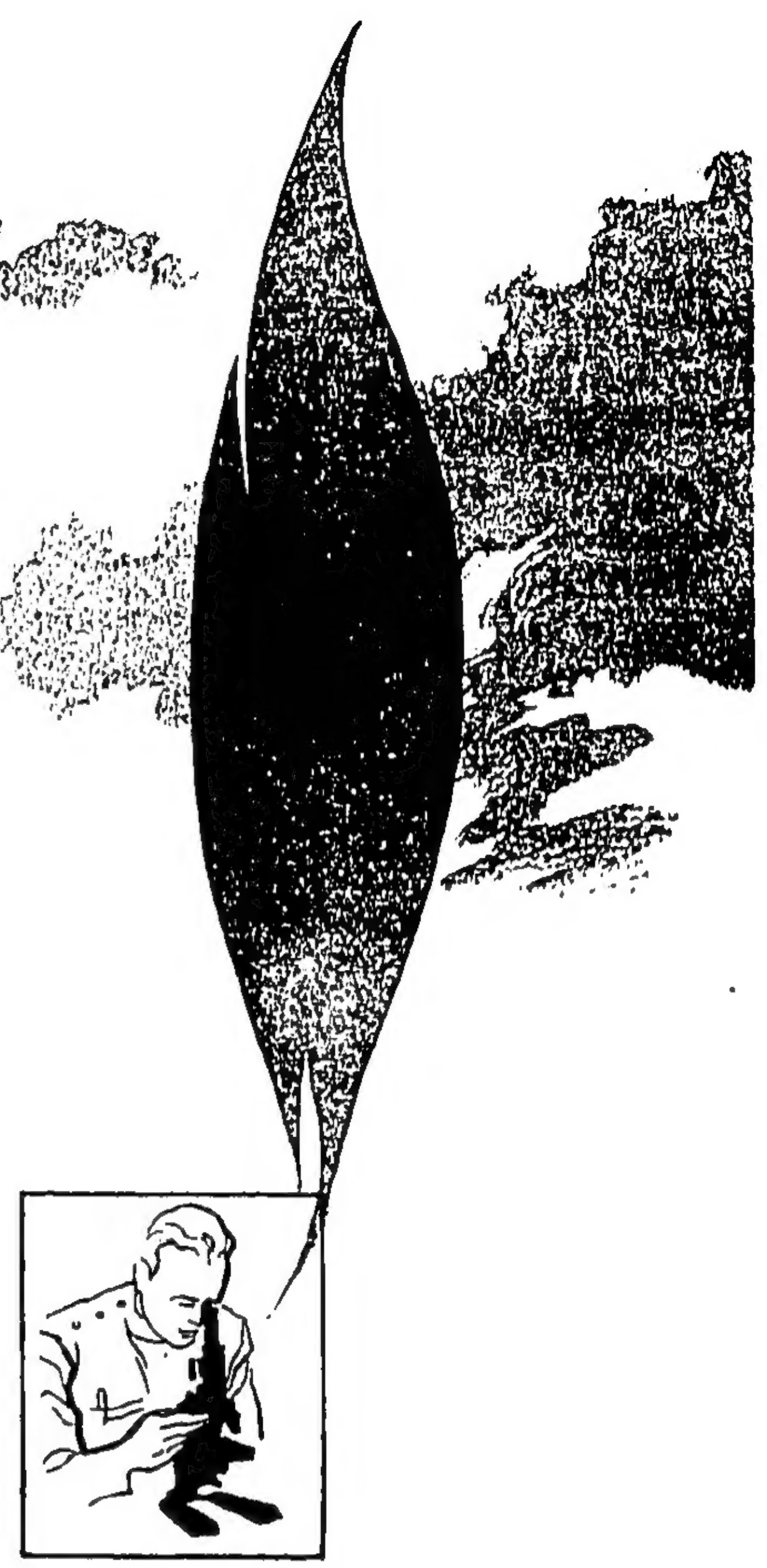
Leary is probably one of the best natural footballers the Army has had at its disposal this season. His play in the "B" side, for which he was a prolific goalscorer, was often brilliant yet somehow he never quite fulfilled his promise when promoted to the senior team.

Both players will be missed. We wish them well on their return home and we shall look forward to news of their football activities in the future.

It seems impossible to keep 27 HAA Regt. RA out of the news this week. Here they are again and this time as competitors in one of these popular "Red Duster" Boxing Tournaments at the Missions to Seamen on Friday evening. This time the Gunnery are tackling a team of HMNZS Kenilworth. Boxing is due to start at 8 o'clock... and it looks a very good bill too.

And finally a reminder for Army Soccer Referees... The next meeting of referees will take place at the Tavern in the Chatham Road NAAFI at 10 o'clock on Saturday April 2. Are we going to see another record-breaking attendance?

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To The Editor, China Mail.

My nomination for Hongkong's Footballer of the Year, taking into regard his playing ability and his sportsmanship on the field of play is

of the Club.

(Signed).....

## Sports Diary

**Soccer**  
Inter-school League at King's Park.  
Div. 1: Army v Eastern (CH) 4.45 p.m.

**Swimming**  
RAF Little Sai Wan, (SYMA) 5.30 p.m.

**TO-MORROW**  
Filipino v Combined Services (Club) 7 p.m.

**Meeting**  
Interport Sub-Committee of HKFA 9.30 p.m. Sports Road.

**Senior Mixed Division: YMCA v Recreation.**

**FRIDAY**  
Badminton  
Junior Mixed Division: YMCA v Kowloon Tong.

**Saturday**  
Golf  
Smalley Cup Semi-final.

**Soccer**  
Div. 1: KMB v Kitchener (CH) 4.30 p.m.; Navy v Sing Tao (BS) 4.30 p.m.; Police v Kwong Wah (BS) 4.30 p.m.

**Div. 2: "A":** South China v (CH); Western v CAA (Navy); Police v Sing Tao (BS); **"B":** CAA v CMB; **"C":** CAA v CMB; **"D":** CAA v CMB; **"E":** CAA v CMB; **"F":** CAA v CMB; **"G":** CAA v CMB; **"H":** CAA v CMB; **"I":** CAA v CMB; **"J":** CAA v CMB; **"K":** CAA v CMB; **"L":** CAA v CMB; **"M":** CAA v CMB; **"N":** CAA v CMB; **"O":** CAA v CMB; **"P":** CAA v CMB; **"Q":** CAA v CMB; **"R":** CAA v CMB; **"S":** CAA v CMB; **"T":** CAA v CMB; **"U":** CAA v CMB; **"V":** CAA v CMB; **"W":** CAA v CMB; **"X":** CAA v CMB; **"Y":** CAA v CMB; **"Z":** CAA v CMB.



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## NOTICE

## VEHICULAR FERRY

Owing to repairs to Piers,  
the Vehicular Ferry Service  
will be suspended as  
follows:—

Thursday Evening  
the 17th March, 1955  
The Service will be  
suspended from 9.00 p.m. to  
1.00 a.m.

Friday Morning  
the 18th March, 1955  
The first ferry will com-  
mence at 7.20 a.m. instead of  
6.20 a.m.

Tuesday Evening  
the 22nd March, 1955  
The Service will be  
suspended from 7.00 p.m. to  
1.00 a.m.

Wednesday Morning  
the 23rd March, 1955  
The first ferry will com-  
mence at 7.20 a.m. instead of  
6.20 a.m.

Tuesday Evening  
the 29th March, 1955  
The last ferry will leave at  
12.00 Midnight instead of  
1.00 a.m.

During the abovementioned  
suspension Passenger Ferries  
will be operated as usual.

THE HONG KONG &  
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CO., LTD.

Hongkong, 9th March, 1955.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

## "AGAPENOR"

Damaged cargo on this vessel will  
be surveyed by Messrs. Goddard &  
Douglas at Hong Kong & Kowloon  
Wharf Godown at 10 a.m. on Friday,  
18th March, 1955 and Saturday, 19th  
March, 1955 and consignees repre-  
sentatives are requested to be pre-  
sent during survey.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.

Hongkong, March 16, 1955.

## NOTICE

## TOLO HARBOUR FERRY SERVICE

A Ferry Service between  
Taipo Kau Railway Station  
Pier to Tap Mun will com-  
mence on the 20th March, 1955.

The ferry will call at  
various places on the southern  
shores of Tolo Harbour. The  
timetable and fares are as  
follows:—

## TIMETABLE

Leaving Taipo Kau Railway  
Station Pier daily

6.45 a.m. Direct to Tap Mun.  
2.30 p.m. Via Ma On Shan,  
Shap Sze Heung, Lai  
Chi Chong and Tung  
Sam Ki for Tap  
Mun

Leaving Tap Mun daily

8.30 a.m. Via Tung Sam Ki,  
Lai Chi Chong, Shap  
Sze Heung and Ma  
On Shan for Taipo  
Kau Railway Station  
Pier.

1.15 p.m. Direct for Taipo  
Kau Railway Station  
Pier

## FARES

Between Taipo Kau and Ma  
On Shan, Shap Sze Heung and  
Lai Chi Chong

1st Class 60 cents  
2nd Class 50 cents  
Freight 10 cents per picul

Between Taipo Kau and Tung  
Sam Ki and Tap Mun

1st Class \$1.20  
2nd Class \$1.00  
Freight 50 cents per picul

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Hongkong, 16th Mar., 1955.

## NOTICE

THE HONG KONG &  
SHANGHAI HOTELS,  
LIMITED.

## Notice to Shareholders

NOTICE is hereby given  
that the Ordinary Yearly  
Meeting of the Shareholders  
of the Hongkong & Shanghai  
Hotels, Ltd., will be held at  
the Registered Office of the  
Company, Second Floor,  
Telephone House, Des Voeux  
Road Central, Hongkong, on  
Friday, 18th March, 1955 at  
12 Noon, for the purpose of  
receiving the Report of the  
Board of Directors together  
with the Statement of  
Accounts for the year ended  
31st December, 1954, to re-  
elect a Director and to appoint  
Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the  
Company will be closed from  
the 5th March, 1955 to the 18th  
March, 1955, both days in-  
clusive.

By Order of the Board,  
A. SOMMERFELT,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 17th Feb., 1955.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

## IN "CHANGSHA"

arrd. 15th March, 1955  
Damaged cargo on this vessel will  
be surveyed by Messrs. Goddard &  
Douglas at Hong Kong & Kowloon  
Wharf Godown at 10 a.m. on Friday,  
18th March and Saturday, 19th  
March, 1955 and consignees repre-  
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sent during survey.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.  
Australian-Oriental Line Ltd.  
China Navigation Co., Ltd.

## JACKAL HUNT

Johannesburg, Mar. 15.  
At the end of a three-  
day jackal hunt in the  
Volmaranstad district of  
the Transvaal, in which  
about 1,000 farmers took  
part, 31 jackals were  
killed.

Jackals have been tak-  
ing a heavy toll of stock  
recently and the South  
African Wool Board has  
estimated that jackals kill  
320,000 sheep annually.

Farmers in light trucks  
and jeeps and 200 on  
horseback combed the  
Volmaranstad hills and  
surrounding area, and  
jeeps carried cylinders of  
cyanide gas which was  
forced down holes where  
jackals were likely to  
take refuge.—China Mail  
Special.

## Mail Notices

The latest times of posting  
shown below are those for un-  
registered correspondence posted  
at 9.15 a.m. Hongkong. The latest  
posting times elsewhere which  
in general are earlier than the  
9.15 a.m. times can be ascertained  
by enquiry at the local office.  
The latest posting times for  
registered articles are generally  
one hour earlier than the times  
shown below. Particulars regard-  
ing parcel mails can be ascer-  
tained by enquiry at any post office.

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

By Air  
Thailand, Malaya, Indonesia, Aus-  
tralia, New Zealand, Ceylon, 6 p.m.  
Japan, 6 p.m.  
Switzerland, Denmark, Norway,  
Sweden, 6 p.m.  
Formosa, 6 p.m.  
Macao, 6 p.m.  
By Surface

## THURSDAY, MARCH 17

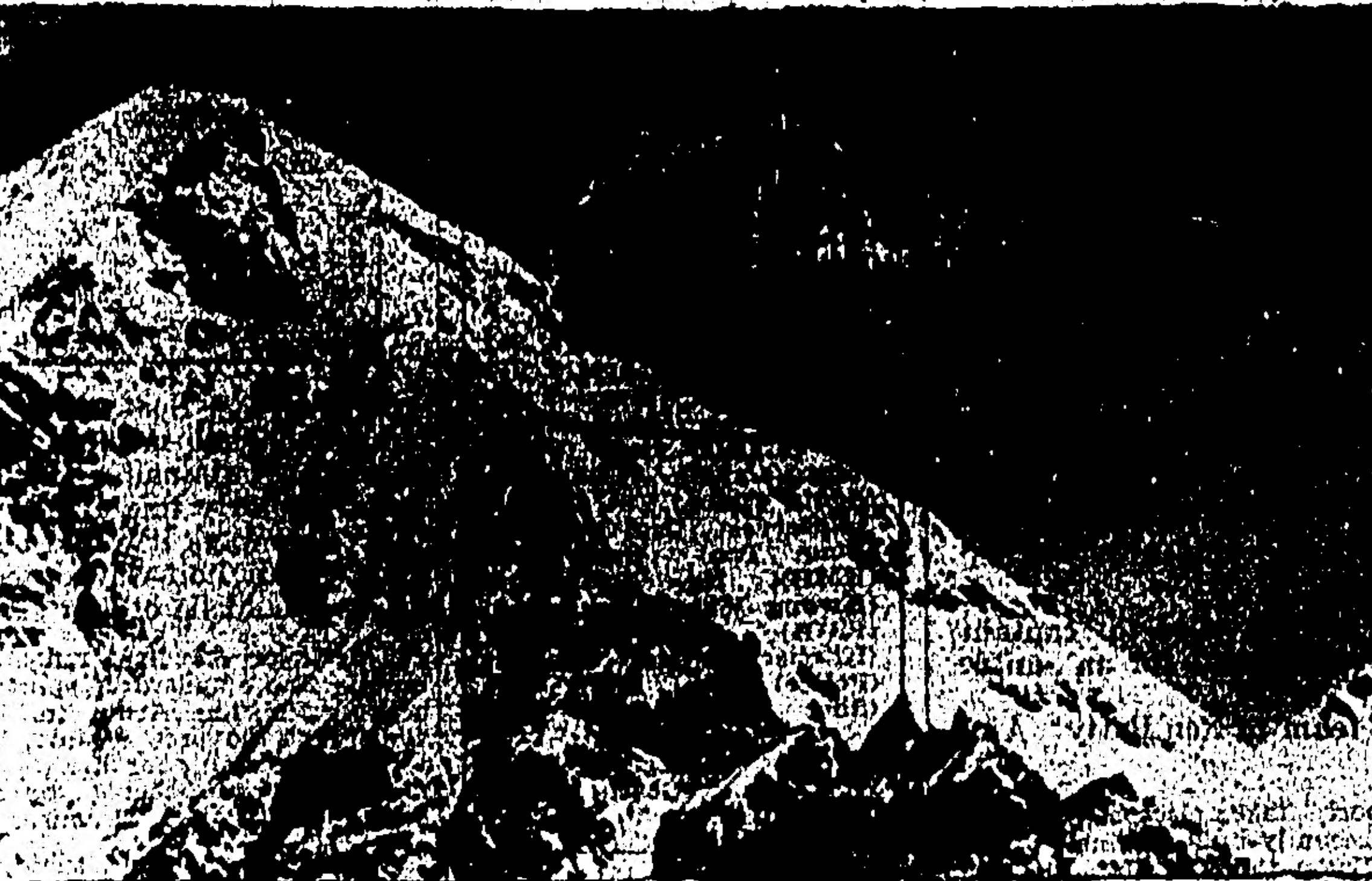
By Air  
Thailand, Burma, India, Pakistan,  
Middle East Africa, Great Britain &  
Europe, 9 a.m.  
Japan, 11 a.m.  
Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, &  
U.S.A., 11 a.m.  
Philippines, N. Borneo, 6 p.m.  
Hawaii, U.S.A., 6 p.m.  
By Surface

China, Peoples Republic, 3.30 a.m.  
Macao, 9 a.m.  
Malaya, Ceylon, Aden, Middle  
East, Great Britain & Europe,  
1 p.m.  
Philippines, 2 p.m.  
Macao, 6 p.m.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 18

By Air  
Thailand, Burma, India, Pakistan,  
Malaya, Ceylon, Aden, Middle  
East, Great Britain & Europe,  
9 a.m.  
Japan, 11 a.m.  
Philippines, Japan, Korea, 10 a.m.  
Indonesia, 11 a.m.  
Japan, U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.  
Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New  
Zealand, Ceylon, 6 p.m.

## Helicopter Sets Altitude Record



# Evita's Monument Will Dominate A City

Buenos Aires, Mar. 15.

A shrine, about 445 feet high, to commemorate  
the life and the work of Evita, President Peron's  
late wife and "flagbearer of the workers," is  
taking shape a stone's throw from where she lived.

Close to the Presidential palace and flanked  
by the imposing Faculty of Law, whose doric  
colonnade constitutes one of the city's landmarks,  
brigades of masons from the Ministry of Public  
Works have been digging 91 feet down to lay the  
foundations for a shrine which, with the exception  
of Egypt's pyramids, will probably become the  
biggest funerary monument in the world.

Its inauguration will not be  
possible for at least another  
three years. But those here who  
prophesied that the work  
would never be begun have  
been proved wrong.

## FUNDS POURING IN

Funds are pouring in  
from the public together  
with gifts of cement, stone  
and marble. A single firm  
has provided all the steel  
and iron needed, free of  
charge.

Now, the foundations are  
completed and a contract has  
been signed for the construction  
of the concrete shell, consisting  
of a memorial hall and pedestal  
upon which the main figure is  
to stand. The cost is set at 19-  
200,015 pesos.

The memorial hall and the  
pedestal will support a figure  
195 feet high representing a  
working man who, to judge by  
the model which has been on  
tour in Buenos Aires and other  
Argentine cities, has the pro-  
portions and the countenance,  
although not exactly the  
features, of President Peron.

People will have access to the  
top by means of four lifts and

through peep windows will be  
able to enjoy a panoramic view  
of the city and, at their feet,  
the Palermo gardens.

The marble memorial hall  
will be decorated with sculp-  
tured groups by an Italian  
sculptor, Leon Tommasi, sym-  
bolizing the achievements of the  
Peronista era with special re-  
ference to Evita's contributions  
to it.

In a crypt below the centre  
of the hall, the remains of Evita  
will rest in a silver coffin  
weighing 680 lbs.

## IN FAMILY VAULT

Her body which after her  
death was taken to the  
headquarters of the General  
Confederation of Labour  
where she received the  
homage of her friends,  
now lies temporarily in the  
family vault at the cem-  
etry.

But today, two and a half  
years after she "plunged into  
immortality," Evita continues  
to be very much alive in the  
hearts of many Argentines  
who benefited from her  
struggle to improve the con-  
dition of workers, and her en-  
deavours to help the children  
and the infirm.

The monument will be but a  
material expression of remem-  
brance.

Now, whenever Congress  
meets, whenever Trade Unions  
gather in assembly, at all public  
reunions organized by the  
Government, by the General  
Confederation of Labour or the  
Peronista Party, a minute's  
silence is observed in memory  
of Evita.

July 26, the anniversary of  
her death, has become a day of  
national mourning, with shops,  
cinemas, theatres and restaur-  
ants all closed.

## WREATHS LAID

Distinguished foreign  
visitors, as a matter of  
routine, seldom start upon  
their official duties without  
first laying two wreaths—  
one at the tomb of the  
father of the country,  
General Justo, and the other  
in the Cathedral, the other  
at the provisional shrine of  
Evita, at the headquarters  
of the General Confedera-  
tion of Labour.

Her photograph is in all  
public offices. Buses and cars have  
been ceremonially placed in  
railway stations, factories, trade  
union headquarters and ships.  
Fresh flowers adorn them every-  
day. Liners, towns, provinces,  
hospitals, streets and schools  
throughout the nation have been  
named after her.

A controversial figure when  
she was alive, the storm she  
unleashed has now abated  
and although she has ceased to  
be a political force, Evita, whom  
a law of Congress proclaimed  
the "Spiritual Mother of the  
Nation," remains a symbol. To  
those who followed her in life,  
her memory today is a source  
of inspiration to continue her  
fight.—China Mail Special.

## Mediterranean 'Atomic War'

London, Mar. 15.

An "atomic-bombardment"  
was one of the highlights of  
the Royal Navy manoeuvres  
taking place today in the pre-  
sence of the Duke of Edinburgh  
in the Mediterranean.

A British Admiralty com-  
munique on the manoeuvres  
said that many of the "enemy"  
fighter aircraft in a mock at-  
tack against a convoy were  
shot down by fighter planes  
based on the aircraft carrier  
Centaur and Albion, and that  
others came within the range of  
the Navy's guns.

Of the four attacking sub-  
marines, which dogged the con-  
voy, two were listed "probably  
sunk".—France-Press.

## PILFERING AT PORTS

London, Mar. 15.  
British exporters are suffering  
considerable losses from thieves  
in foreign ports. There have  
been big hauls, as well as much  
small pilfer







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# CHINA MAIL

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## JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

### After The Pictures

IT was a kindly thought on the part of Mary's landlord, Mr. and Mrs. West, that they were off to the West End to the cinema. Mary, he knew, was alone in her room. He knocked on her door. "How about coming up West with us?" he said.

You mean... Mary began. "That's right, I'll make a change for you." The landlord's daughter seconded the suggestion.

Mary allowed herself to be persuaded, and the two set off.

They saw the picture, and when it was over, Mary's landlord suggested they all had coffee.

#### A BREATH OF AIR

BUT Mary said, "You two go and have your coffee, I'll stay outside here. I think it was that warm in the pictures. I want a breath of air more than anything."

The others went into a restaurant, Mary stood outside.

Stationed discreetly in the shadows of the narrow street near Piccadilly Circus where Mary was taking the air as a policeman and presently Mary attracted his attention.

#### ONLY WAITING

HE could have sworn, and indeed did swear next morning that he saw Mary thrust her attentions on two or three passers-by. He walked up to her. "I'm arresting you," he said, "for using insulting behaviour."

Next morning at Bow Street, Mary, a tall, pale woman, pleaded guilty to that charge.

The policeman told briefly what he had seen, then the magistrate, Mr. E. G. Robey, asked Mary what she had to say.

"I wasn't doing nothing," she said bleakly, "only waiting for my friends and having a breath of air after those pictures."

#### A SECOND CHANCE

"BUT you pleaded guilty," said the magistrate, "and you got to go to prison." Mary said resignedly, "You'd better alter your plea," said the magistrate, and he called upon the policeman to take the oath and give his evidence in full.

"Now would you like to go into the witness-box?" Mr. Robey asked Mary, when the officer's story was done. She nodded.

"What do you do?" she was asked.

"I work in restaurants. But I been ill. I'm doing on the assistance now."

"Now about last night?" Mary told of her visit to the cinema.

### IN THE STRAND

"DUNNO, somewhere near the Strand, I think." "What was the picture you saw?" Mary thought hard for long minutes. "Can't remember what it was called," she said at last. "Can't remember much about it."

I thought of the money and man-hours the picture had put into it, and of the pride many studios had in the finished article, and of the superlatives the publicity men would have used to describe it. And the end result of all that effort was this—a woman, who was no fool, unable to recall the masterpiece within a few hours of seeing it.

"I think this may have been a misunderstanding of the magistrate's question," I'll give you the benefit of the doubt. It's better to go straight home after a show, isn't it?"

"Yes, sir," said Mary, and nodded a violent agreement.

"Very well, case dismissed, you may go," Mr. Robey said, and Mary went, hurrying off to her lodgings to tell of her adventure, which, unlike the picture she had seen, would live for a long time in her mind.

### Libel Action Settled

A former member of the Chinese Nationalist Government now a refugee in Hongkong, Cheng Sui-quin, obtained \$2,500 damages for libel in an action which was settled before District Judge A. D. Scholes this morning.

The defendants in the action were Tong Nam, printers and publishers, and the weekly magazine, Newsworld (Sikwen Tientai), of 149 Des Voeux Road Central.

Cheng alleged he was libelled in an article in the issue of October 10, 1953, and claimed \$5,000 damages.

His solicitor, Mr. Y. H. Chan, announced this morning that a settlement had been reached between the parties.

The agreed terms were that judgment be entered for \$2,500 for the plaintiff of which \$1,500 was to be paid at once and the balance within 12 months and that the magazine publish an apology (in a form agreed to) on the first page after the cover, occupying at least a quarter of the page.

Mr. J. C. Stewart, appearing for the defendants, agreed to these terms and expressed "the sincere regrets of the defendants that, partly due to a misunderstanding, the libel took place at all."

Judge Scholes entered judgment in the agreed terms.

## Dulles Pleases London

London, Mar. 15.

US Secretary of State John Foster Dulles echoed Britain's sentiments on the Formosa problem in the press conference he made today. Foreign Office circles said tonight.

These circles said Mr. Dulles' press conference today marked the first time he has explicitly said the two Chinas could settle the Formosa problem immediately by rejecting the use of force, without necessarily renouncing their territorial claims.

These circles said Foreign Secretary Sir Anthony Eden had repeatedly put forth the same idea as that contained in the Dulles statement.

British diplomats said they noted with interest Mr. Dulles' statement in which he said the United States would use its influence to try to get Nationalist China's President Chiang Kai-shek to reject the use of force as a possible solution to the Formosa problem.

In a recent speech made before the House of Commons Sir Anthony lauded US efforts to reduce the risks of war in the Formosa area, these diplomats said.

They said it was now up to Communist China to reply to Mr. Dulles' offer to help bring about a peaceful solution.

If the Communists rejected it, they would be in a position where there would be no hope for a reconciliation of the two opposing camps, these diplomats said.

France-Press.

## DANGEROUS GOODS IN TENAMENT

Chan Lun, 25, of 25, Sai Street, second floor, was fined \$500 by Mr. Hin-shing Lai, a magistrate, this morning for storing dangerous goods without a licence.

Mr. Wong Wai-chun, Divisional Officer, Hongkong Fire Brigade, asked the Court to take a serious view of the case. It was a most dangerous practice to carry out a trade involving the use of inflammable liquid in tenement houses, he said.

On March 9, a small fire occurred at No. 25 Sai Street, a four storey tenement building with wooden internal structure. The fire occurred in a drainage where a small quantity of inflammable liquid became ignited. A woman on an upper floor poured water into the drainage in order to extinguish the fire but the burning liquid splashed on to two Chinese in the yard below.

The fire brigade was summoned and it was found that part of the second floor was used as workshop making ink containers for fountain pens. The material used was a rubber solution which was highly inflammable. Four gallons of the solution were found on the premises where no fire extinguishers had been installed.

The rubber solution was ordered to be confiscated.

## Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. Time Signal and Programme Summary: 6.00, Lucky Dip—Variety Requests presented by Jean (Studio); 6.30, Weather Report; 7, Time Signal World News (London Relay); 7.50, Commentary (London Relay); 8, Special Announcements; 9, Modern Moods—Peter Murrills at the Piano (Studio); 10, Twenty Questions; 10.30, Twenty Questions; 11, The Music to Seamen: Question Master: Patrick Butler, The Team: Patrick Butler, Dorothy Seaton, Joan Little, Paddy Sheehan (Recorded); 11.30, Presentation of R.A.F. Standard (Radio Station); 12.30, Copey Night; 8.45, Studio Concert, Arrigo Fox (violin) Hu Kwong (violin) Harry Ore (piano) (Concert Hall); 12.45, Suite for a Violin and Piano (Hans Ore); 1.15, Wednesday Theatre "Suite" by John Galsworthy Produced by William A. Daniels (BBC); 1.35, Vienna Radio Symphony Orchestra; 1.50, One Light (with vocal); 10.55, Weather Report; 11, Time Signal Radio News (Recorded London Relay); 11.15, Goodnight Music; God Save the Queen; 11.30, Close Down.

## Wages Go Up

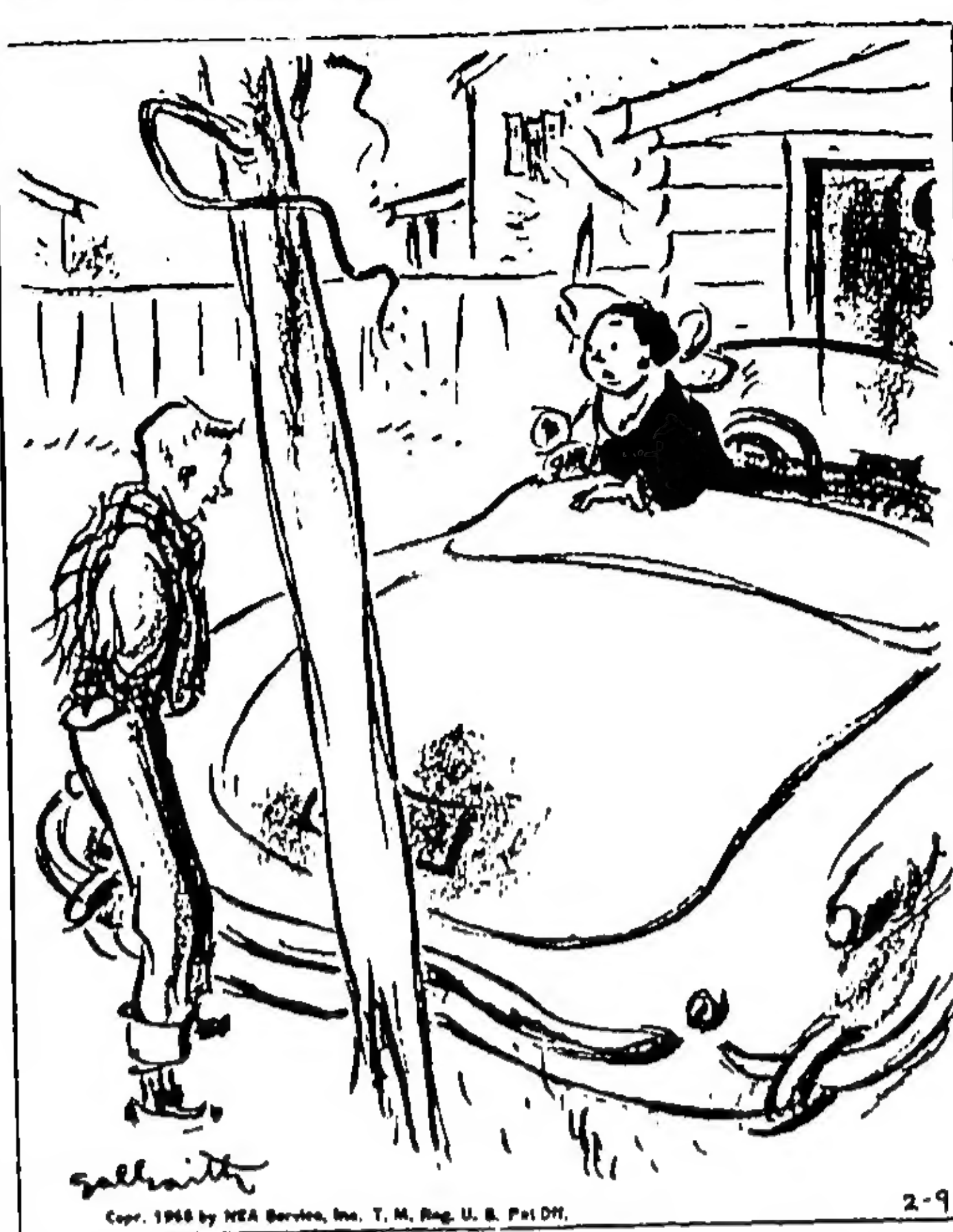
London, March 15.

Labour and management have agreed on wage increases for 250,000 shipyard workers ranging from eight to 11 shillings a week, it was announced today.

A similar agreement was concluded last week for workers in the mechanical engineering trades.

France-Press.

## SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Good for you, mom! Now that you've put a dent in the new car, maybe dad will let me drive it!"

## The Loveliest Night Of The Year

Memphis, Tenn., Mar. 15.

Thirty-two women who ranged in weight from 120 to 284 pounds—but who used to range a lot higher—let the calorie bars down tonight and buttered their rolls at their own risk.

It was the annual banquet of Fat Girls Anonymous, a club whose members help each other over the pitfalls of pastry displays and talk over the reckless days when they all gulped French fries.

Star of the show was Mildred Myers, 37-year-old receptionist, who was presented the Club's anatomy award of 1954 for the best pound-shedding job. She won a trip to New Orleans, a wardrobe and a charm school scholarship.

Miss Myers is down to 123 pounds from 199 pounds in 13 months—from size 22½ to 9. Sister club members applauded her wistfully for some of them have a long way to go, notably a 284-pounder who is just learning to check her candy-box grab in mid-reach.

### OFFICIAL SONG

The festival opened with the singing of the Club's official song to the tune of the "Song of the Vagabond" thusly:

"Girls who bulge and waddle, shall we check your throttle, you were wrecked by overweight... slaves of bread and butter, will save us from our fate, diet, diet, count your calories; try it, try it, you'll lose your pounds with ease... sisters eased in such, join us or you'll rue it... Rah, farewell to overweight."

Then the girls pitched in, just this once, to enjoy a menu that included cocktail supreme (30 calories); spring salad (25 calories); prime roast beef, baked potato (100), green beans, coffee or tea and orange sherbert. Any who didn't want to go off the low-calorie wagon could stay aboard on that menu but the naughty trimmings included hot rolls, butter and sugar and cream for the coffee.

The majority of the members considered themselves sufficiently trimmed down to take the dance floor after the banquet with their husbands or boy friends.

### LEAN HUSBANDS

Most of the women admitted they had Jack Spratt husbands. Mrs. Helen Putnam, who organized the club, said her husband is so lean "You couldn't blow him up with a bicycle pump."

She got the idea for the club, she said, when her weight reached 325 and was still increasing. With her sticking with the pledge has not been. She admitted she almost fainted at the sight of a chocolate cake two years ago and had to yell to a sister fat girl for help. With such assistance, Mrs. Putnam is down to 249, Mrs. Putnam got a letter recently from Mrs. Pearl Zourek of Manchester, England, addressed to the "Committee of Fat Girls and Women," care of the Memphis Postmaster.

How could she organize a club of 22 "stouts" in her community? Mrs. Zourek wanted to know—United Press.

## FALSE PRETENCES CHARGE

Oscar Steven Go, alias Steven Ng, alias Ng Kwok-wai, alias Ng Wai-kwok, 27, Managing Director of the Wing Ping Trading Co., Ltd., and of the Go and Co., Ltd., was charged before Mr. J. E. Durling at Central this morning with obtaining a cheque for \$161,290.32 by false pretences.

Go pleaded not guilty and the hearing was fixed for June 13 to 17, inclusive.

Go was represented by Mr. Lawrence Leong, instructed by Mr. P. L. Lam, of P. L. Lam and Co., and is on \$17,500 bail.

Mr. M. A. da Silva, of M. A. da Silva and Co., appeared for the Prosecution.

Go is alleged to have, between December 20, last, and January 3, this year, obtained from John Manners and Co. Ltd., a cheque for \$161,290.32 by falsely pretending that the Wing Ping Trading Co. Ltd. then had funds immediately available in the Republic of Indonesia, where Go was to pay to the representative of the John Manners and Co. one million rupiahs in Indonesia.

## Falsified Accounts

Pleading guilty to three charges of falsification of accounts, Yuen Fong, 40, unemployed, of 37 Ko Koon Street, ground floor, Macao, was sentenced to three months imprisonment by Mr. Poon Yan-hoi at Central this morning.

In passing sentence, Mr. Poon took into consideration five other similar counts.

Defendant was employed as an accountant at the Tung Dah Hygienic Straw Company, of 142 Gloucester Road, ground floor, from February 1952. From then until June 1954, when defendant absconded, he made false entries in the Company's cash book and altogether over \$9,000 was involved.

Defendant told the Court this morning that he had used the money for household expenses.

## COUNSEL'S SUBMISSIONS IN RAPE CASE APPEAL

Mr Brook A. Bernacchi submitted before the Full Court this morning that the complainant must have been lying in one Court or the other when she gave two completely different versions of what she alleged had taken place in the doctor's consulting room.

The charge was made by Counsel when he continued his submissions in the appeal brought by Dr Ng Yuk-kin, 49, medical practitioner, against his conviction on a charge of rape.

Appellant was found guilty by a Special Jury on December 13 last year of raping Tam Shun, 24-year-old spinster, at his clinic at 430 Nathan Road, first floor, on August 28, 1954. He was given five years' hard labour by Mr Justice Reece.

The Full Court comprised Mr Justice T.J. Gould (Acting Chief Justice), Mr Justice J. R. Gregg (Pulme Judge), and Mr Justice J. Wickes (Acting Pulme Judge).

Mr Brook Bernacchi is representing appellant, instructed by Mr M. A. da Silva, Mr W. A. Blair-Kerr, Senior Crown Counsel, is for the Crown. Detective-Inspector W. Watson is present for the Police.

The appeal is based on twenty grounds, mainly alleging misdirection by the Trial Judge to the Jury that he had failed to put the case for the Defence sufficiently to the Jury, that the verdict was perverse and against the weight of evidence, and that the Trial Judge repeatedly, unfairly and unnecessarily interrupted Defence Counsel's submissions to the Jury whereby the continuity of his address was broken.

Mr Bernacchi continued his submissions, which he had commenced on Monday, on the individual grounds of the appeal.

He gave the Court this morning a reference dealing with the official translation of a document, and read extracts from the summing-up of a Hongkong case and views expressed in a subsequent appeal.

### MISDIRECTION

Reverting to his own case, he continued: "Whereas here you have depositions in English as a result of competent translation, and I say deliberately competent translation, because the evidence is such that not only was there a sworn Court interpreter but the Crown was in a position to check it the whole time through a Police interpreter and a Police officer who spoke very good Cantonese. I submit it is a misdirection to repeatedly suggest to the Jury that the record of the depositions could be wrong because of mistranslation in the lower court."

On his fourteenth ground of alleged misdirection to the Jury as to the medical evidence, Mr Bernacchi said this need only be read with earlier grounds, and said the point he particularly relied on was the medical evidence in relation to the Crown's case. He would deal further with this point later as it was also the subject of an application on his part to recall Dr. Ozorio.

On his fifteenth ground of alleged misdirection to the Jury on points made against Counsel himself which were not taken by the Crown, Mr Bernacchi said this was not justifiable on the evidence adduced.

### "PERVERSE VERDICT"

He then dealt with his sixteenth ground—that the verdict was perverse and against the weight of evidence and that the learned Judge should have stopped the trial at the close of the Crown's case.

"I would ask the Court to consider the position at this point of view," Mr Bernacchi continued. "Firstly, that Tam Shun was not consistent. She said on several occasions in the lower court that at the time of the act she thought the doctor was having sexual intercourse with her, whereas in the Court of trial she maintained she did not know he was having sexual connection with her and that she merely thought it was a medical examination. In the lower court she admitted to the judge of sexual matters before this incident. At the trial she denied all such knowledge, and in effect said she did not even know what kissing was. Furthermore, as was adduced, she had said in the Court before that she had not told the Police that at the time of this act she believed it was a medical examination."

"You have first and foremost statements by complainant, the principal witness for the Crown, which are flatly contradictory and must in court therefore have no ingredient of consistency whatsoever. Add to that the fact that the act, as she described them, are so inconceivably sexual acts that it is almost impossible to believe that she is not a simple country woman but had been in Hongkong for many years working as an amah and in a factory—could be deceived into thinking the action was otherwise than an act of sexual intercourse. Furthermore and

In addition to that it is inconceivable to think that the doctor, knowing he was dealing with a woman of 24, could have thought it was possible to deceive her in this way. You have the evidence of the complete openness, really, in which he did this. There was no attempt to conceal from her it was a sexual act. There were many actions indicative of love-play with consent. If the girl had called out she would have been heard outside."

### JUDGE'S COMMENT

Mr Justice Gould remarked it was also inconceivable that the doctor would have left the passage door open if he did have sexual intercourse without consent.

Mr Bernacchi remarked that the only person passing through the passage was the doctor's nurse, and said it seemed that apparently he did not particularly mind the nurse knowing about it.

Asked if he had ever put it to the nurse that she was a conniving party, Mr Bernacchi replied that he had put it to the nurse that she had deliberately taken the long way round in coming back to the consulting room after she had left the doctor and the complainant there together.

"It is inconceivable to believe that a woman would be prepared to close her eyes to an act of rape on another woman," Counsel declared. "It is understandable whether she approved or not of an act of immorality on the part of her employer. Her movements that day can lead to no other conclusion than that she knew what was going on. It is physically impossible to understand why she took the long way round. Of course, she is in a difficult position as an employee. In the witness box she denied she knew what was going on, but to believe she was prepared to close her eyes to an act of rape is hard to conceive and puts her in a far worse light than is justified."

### RAPE BY FRAUD

Mr Justice Gregg asked whether the rape was by fraud, the nurse would have known of it.

Mr Bernacchi: "What that nurse saw, if she saw anything which caused her to take the long way round, cannot be anything which gave her to think it was a rape that was going on. I submit that in fact it was an act of love-play, including the sexual act. That nurse could not have seen anything peculiar to suggest he was committing rape. That is why I say it is peculiar that he should have left the door open. He would not have done so if it was an act of rape."

Counsel continued: "Coming to the very significant denial which the learned Judge 'pooh-poohed',—if one might use such an expression—it is highly significant that the complainant at the trial denied she said she felt a human warmth applied to her breast and maintained that she felt his hand on her chest. This is an entirely different combination of words. Quite apart from my previous argument that the Court must accept the depositions in that way, it is inconceivable to think there was a difficulty as to translation as to account for such a complete change of phraseology. I submit that she realised the significance of the evidence which slipped out in the lower court. When one has these very clear extracts of the evidence in the lower court, I submit that no Jury can come to any other conclusion than that she was not speaking the truth when she denied all previous knowledge of sexual matters. Add to this the question of drugging: her attempt to rely on drugging once again shows a difficulty which no Jury should have in believing her testimony."

### "DEBILITATED"

Counsel said that on the question of drugging the complainant had been asked why she did not resist, and she replied she was debilitated, although she did say she had brought her arms up to remove the cloth covering her face, but then sank back to her side.

The Court raised a query that the drug might have put her in a "couldn't care less" attitude so that she could not care whether the doctor was having sexual connections with her or not.

Mr Bernacchi said that what the complainant had said at the trial was that she, along with her

thought it was a medical examination, and she had no idea he was having sexual connection. Furthermore, she said she did not know anything about sexual matters until after all this happened.

"This woman, on whom the Crown case must rest, said completely different things in the two courts," Counsel declared. "In the court of trial she went back on facts she had deposed to in the Magistrate's court. Is it reasonable for that woman to be believed? What are we going to believe? (1) that she was raped because she was defrauded into thinking it was solely a medical examination or (2) that although she realised it was a sexual act she did not resist because when her hands fell to her sides she could not move or (3) are we going to believe the third alternative which the Court has put, namely, that she realised it was a sexual act but she was put into a state where she did not care whether he had sexual connection with her or not. There again you have to come back to the question of drugging. I submit the dose she had at the time did not have any effect on her when the act was committed."

The hearing is proceeding.

## French Ban On HK Cotton Goods Urged

Paris, Mar. 15.

The French cotton industry was reported to have urged exclusion of Hongkong cotton goods from the benefit of trade liberalisation because the threat of this new competitor had recently aroused considerable concern, well-informed quarters here believed.

A special mission which visited the Far East, including Hongkong, Indo-China and Japan, had drawn attention to this point, the quarters said.

The industry, represented by the President of the Cotton Industry's Association, applied today to the French government for emergency moves to cope with the serious situation within the industry.

Major recommendations formulated by the industry, in addition to that concerning Hongkong, were: to restrict French import liberalisation should not be further extended in cotton yarns and goods; and the existing temporary compensation tax on hitherto liberalised cotton yarns should be maintained at the present level.

### CUSTOMS PREFERENCE

In order to avoid the full loss of the Indo-Chinese market the industry also asked for an extension of export aid to these territories.

According to usually well-informed quarters, this aid would be granted as from June and in addition to this, the Vietnamese Government would grant customs preference of 15 to 20 per cent.

Finally, the industry urged improvement in the supply of raw cotton and artificial fibres, claiming that raw cotton was being bought under the worst conditions.

The unfavourable position of the French industry has already led to the closing of about 100 mills, while the remainder's profits were inadequate.—Reuter.

## Woman Made Bald By Hairdo, Claim

Miami, Mar. 15.

Mrs Lottie Blockman filed a damage suit today charging that a permanent wave preparation left her "bald as a billiard ball."

She also charged that when her hair finally grew back it was unmanageable. She asked \$20,000 damages from the makers and local distributors.—United Press.

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